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SUBJECT: Public Review of Kenai NWR Draft Environmental Assessment for Mystery Creek Access Road Realignment, Material Extraction, and Site Rehabilitation

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, announces the availability for public review of its Draft Mystery Creek Access Road Realignment, Gravel Extraction, and Site Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment (EA). Proposed activities include: 1) contributing gravel from an existing on-Refuge material site to facilitate installation of planned wildlife undercrossing associated with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facility's upcoming Sterling Highway Milepost 58-79 improvement project; 2) realigning a section of the Mystery Creek Road and relocating its intersection with the Sterling Highway to enhance traffic safety; and 3) permitting temporary occupancy of the material site during the Sterling Highway project construction.

The public is invited to comment on the Draft EA. The document is available on the following website: http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Mile63.5_DRAFT_EA_April2016.pdf. Hard copies are available at the Kenai NWR Headquarters, Ski Hill Road, Soldotna, Alaska or by calling 907-262-7021.

Comments on the Draft EA must be received by May 12, 2016 to be considered in development of the final EA. Comments may be sent electronically to kenai@fws.gov; by mail to Refuge Manager, Kenai NWR; P.O. Box 2139, Soldotna, AK 99669; or by fax to (907)262-3599 (attention Refuge Manager).

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