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SUBJECT: Applications for Special Use Permits Available

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is now accepting applications for non-competitively awarded permits to provide commercial visitor services on certain areas of the Refuge.

Applications are available at the Refuge Headquarters on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna, or at www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/CommercialSpecialUsePermitApp_GuideOutfitter.pdf. A Special Use Permit is required for providing commercial visitor services, including but not limited to guiding, outfitting, transporting and shuttle services, on Refuge lands and waters including portions of the Kenai River within Refuge boundaries.

Applications for a first-time non-competitive visitor services permit, or for those wishing to renew an expired permit, must be submitted no later than April 1, 2015. Applications will not be accepted after the April 1 deadline.

Existing non-competitive permit holders whose permits expire later than the 2015 season, need only to update relevant permit requirements, and receive the annual 2015 commercial visitor services decal(s). Existing permit holders must make an appointment to update relevant information before seasonal activities begin, or no later than June 1, 2015.

To make an appointment, Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, please contact Donna Handley at (907) 260-2803. For additional information, please contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge office during regular business hours at (907) 262-7021.

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