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## Public meetings scheduled on Kasilof River area projects

(Anchorage, AK) – The Department of Natural Resources has scheduled public meetings on Wednesday, June 14, and Thursday, June 15, to discuss facility improvement projects along the Kasilof River. The June 14 meeting will be held in Soldotna in the Community Room of the Joyce K. Carver Memorial Public Library, and the June 15 meeting will be in Anchorage in Room 102 of the Atwood Building. Both meetings will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will cover the following subjects:

**Kasilof River North Side Improvement Project:** The Division of Mining, Land & Water has resumed construction of access improvements on the north side of the mouth of the river that began in 2016. This project includes dune fencing, parking, and other improvements, and is expected to be completed before the end of the year. DNR staff will discuss the construction schedule and take questions about this project.

**Kasilof River South Side Improvement Project:** The Division of Mining, Land & Water is seeking public input on site concept plans it has developed for access, sanitation, and parking improvements on the south side of the mouth of the river. These plans are available for public comment until August 31, 2017, and the meetings will provide an opportunity to look at the plans and discuss them with DNR staff.

**Old Kasilof Landing Site Development Project:** This proposed Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation project remains on hold after significant public concern expressed during the site concept plan review period. DNR staff will discuss the status of this project at the meetings.

**CONTACT:** For information on the Division of Mining, Land & Water projects, go to <a href="http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/kasilof/">http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/kasilof/</a> or contact Christy Colles at 269-8116 or <a href="mailto:christycolles@alaska.gov">christianna.colles@alaska.gov</a>. For information on the Old Kasilof Landing project, go to <a href="http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/kasilof/kasilof/boatretrieval.htm">http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/kasilof/kasilof/boatretrieval.htm</a> or contact Acting State Parks Director Matt Wedeking at 269-8702 or <a href="mailto:matthew.wedeking@alaska.gov">matthew.wedeking@alaska.gov</a>.

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