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Kenai River, Upper Skilak Boat Ramp and Skilak Lake Road to reopen to boaters

Tuesday, Sept. 17

The portion of the Kenai River from Jims Landing to Skilak Lake will be reopened for boating at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Upper Skilak Boat Launch and Skilak Lake Road will also be opened at the same time to allow for take out and launch of boats.

Recent rain has dampened firefighting activity and has allowed crews to remove downed trees from roads within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area. The only area remaining closed on the Kenai River is the channel on the south side of the river from approximately River Mile 69.5 to River Mile 71.5, to support firefighting activity.

No campgrounds or trails within or adjacent to the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area are now open. Boaters may use the parking areas at the Upper and Lower Skilak boat ramps and Jims Landing Boat Ramp. Restrooms at these locations are open as well.

Although fire danger has decreased over much of the Kenai Peninsula, residents and visitors should remain aware and prepared. For statewide fire information, visit the AICC website at https://fire.ak.blm.gov/ or https://www.akfireinfo.com.

Please direct questions regarding this announcement to:

Kenai Area State Parks (907) 262-5581

Chugach National Forest (907) 743-9500 https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/chugach/alerts-notices

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Combined Emergency Area Closure: Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and Chugach National Forest effective September 17, 2019 Enstar Pipeline Big Indian Creek Chickaloon River Chugach Nat'l Forest Kenai Wilderness American Peak Moose River Kenai NWR Wilderness Devil's Pass Sterling Quartz Skilak Lake Road is OPEN, Fwelbreak along with boat launch access roads. Creek Users MUST stay on gravel road or gravel pull-outs. Forest Service Boundary Jim's Landing Lower Skilak Boat Launch is OPEN Kenai River corridor open 200 feet from waters edge on both sides of river, from Cooper Landing to Skilak Lake A channel on south side of river upstream North Shore from Jim's Landing (approx. RM 69.5 - 71.5) remains closed for fire of Skilak Lake suppression work. Russian River Mile 69.5 southern channel CLOSED Kenai NWR Lakes Trail Upper Skilak Lake Boat Launch Wilderness is OPEN 150°45'0"W 150°20'0"W 150°30'0"W 150°40'0"W 150°35'0"W 149°45'0"W Swan Lake Closure Area - Sept 17, 2019 Uncontrolled Fire Edge ····· Pipeline Skilak Lake Rd and Boat Ramp Accesses Sterling Fuelbreak —— Completed Line

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