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Aircraft Landings in Kachemak Bay are Limited to Certain Areas

(Kenai, AK) —The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation would like to remind pilots and outdoor enthusiasts that aircraft landings in Kachemak Bay State Park are limited to specific areas and strictly enforced in the areas not allowed, including Grewingk Lake, a popular backcountry ice skating location.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) charts explicitly delineate restrictions for Kachemak Bay State Park. It is imperative to adhere to these guidelines for the well-being of the environment and the enjoyment of all park visitors.

“As winter blankets the serene landscapes of Kachemak Bay State Park, we would like to remind all pilots and adventure seekers of the regulations regarding aircraft landings in the area, particularly around Grewingk Lake. Your cooperation is crucial to preserving the beauty of this natural haven and ensuring the safety of all visitors,” said **Ricky Gease, Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation**.

Landing on Grewingk Lake or in its immediate vicinity is strictly prohibited. These restrictions are implemented to safeguard the ecological balance, minimize disturbances to wildlife habitats, and enhance the overall experience and safety of fellow recreators.

Kachemak Bay State Park Regulations:

- (a) The use of aircraft is allowed in Kachemak Bay State Park on saltwater, gravel bars, Emerald Lake, China Poot Lake, Hazelle Lake, and Petrof Lake, except for the purpose of practice landings.

Definitions: Gravel Bar - An elevated region of sediment in a river (largely comprised of gravel) that has been deposited by water flow. A gravel bar is not a saltwater or freshwater beach.

Important Note for Pilots: Please review FAA charts before planning any flights in the Kachemak Bay area. Exercise caution and respect the restrictions outlined in the park

regulations. Failure to comply may result in fines and jeopardize the continued accessibility of these beautiful locations.

Preserving the Wilderness Together: Kachemak Bay State Park is a pristine wilderness that relies on responsible stewardship to help maintain its natural beauty for future generations. By respecting these regulations, you contribute to the preservation of this unique environment. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping Kachemak Bay State Park a sanctuary for both nature and recreation.

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation provides outdoor recreation opportunities and conserves and interprets natural, cultural, and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people.

The Department of Natural Resources' mission is to develop, conserve, and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest.

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