

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is reevaluating the use of Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) for ten uses, including cabins, camping, guiding & outfitting, motorized transportation, natural resource collection, non-motorized transportation, State of Alaska activities, subsistence, tent platforms, and trapping. Currently these uses are in compliance with state and federal regulations, and are allowed.

Prior to reauthorizing these uses, federal law requires that the Service must determine that they are compatible uses. A compatible use is a proposed or existing wildlife-dependent recreational use, or any other use of a national wildlife refuge which, based on sound professional judgment, will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the National Wildlife Refuge System mission or the purposes of the national wildlife refuge. A compatibility determination document facilitates an evaluation of such uses.

The Service would like to know what you think about continuing cabins, camping, guiding & outfitting, motorized transportation, natural resource collection, non-motorized transportation, State of Alaska activities, subsistence, tent platforms, and trapping on the Refuge. Compatibility determinations have been drafted and are available for a thirty-day public review and comment period. All comments received by May 16, 2007 will be considered in finalizing the determinations. We hope to make final decision within thirty days following closure of the public comment period.

You can view the draft compatibility determination online at <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/completed.htm> then scroll to Yukon Flats, or by contacting Yukon Flats Refuge online at [yukonflats\\_planning@fws.gov](mailto:yukonflats_planning@fws.gov) or calling (907) 456-0440.

Comments on the draft compatibility determinations must be received by May 16, 2007 and may be sent electronically, by mail, or fax to:

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