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**KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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Public Notice

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service invites public comment on a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed winter exploratory natural gas drilling program to take place on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) during the winter of 2010-2011. The draft EA is available for public review and comment until October 30, 2010.

Background

Nordaq Energy, PLC is proposing to conduct a winter exploratory drilling program at its Shadura #1 prospect for natural gas within the Kenai NWR. The proposed temporary drill pad and most of a proposed temporary access ice road would be located on surface lands managed by Kenai NWR and on subsurface in-holdings owned by Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI). Regulations require Kenai NWR to grant adequate and feasible access to owners of valid in-holdings for economic and other purposes, subject to reasonable regulation to protect the natural and other values of the Refuge. The preferred access road route consists of a 2.9-mile ice road from the west, starting at the north end of the North Kenai Spur Highway at the Captain Cook Recreation Area. 1.5 miles of the proposed temporary access ice road and the ice/rig mat drill pad would be located on Kenai NWR. An exploratory well would be drilled from the temporary ice/rig mat drill pad. Ice road and pad construction would be by conventional construction methods that include pre-packing, water flooding, and ice chips. The project would be completed in the single winter season of 2010-2011.

The draft Environmental Assessment is available on-line at <http://kenai.fws.gov> or <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/nepa.htm> Hard copies are also available at the Kenai NWR headquarters office located on Ski Hill road in Soldotna.

Please provide comments to:

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Comments should be postmarked by October 30, 2010. Additionally, comments can be faxed to (907) 262-3599 or e-mailed to [kenai@fws.gov](mailto:kenai@fws.gov) by October 30, 2010.