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Rabbit Slough Access Improvements Require Intermittent Road Closures

(Statewide) – The access road to Rabbit Slough and Wasilla Creek in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge will close intermittently for several weeks, beginning June 12, as the Alaska Department of Fish and Game works to improve roads and parking. Temporary closures will allow contractor's equipment to safely access the site while expanding the parking lot and creating a new section of access road. Refuge visitors are asked to respect the traffic control signs and be observant of equipment working at the site.

Located in southcentral Alaska, the refuge is within easy driving distance for more than half of Alaska's residents. The refuge is a popular site for fishing, waterfowl hunting, wildlife viewing, hiking, canoeing, camping, and winter activities such as cross-country skiing, ice skating, and winter bike riding. This increasing popularity has pushed the limits of the existing parking lot at Rabbit Slough, particularly during the summer's salmon fishing season and fall's waterfowl hunting season.

Additional upgrades at Rabbit Slough in spring 2020 will include a new hardened boat ramp.

Funding for both projects is made possible by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), which places a national excise tax on gun and ammunition sales, and funds raised by purchasing Alaska hunting licenses.

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