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**New Summit Lodge Offers Enhanced Guest Experience at  
Denali Park Resorts in 2009**

*Summit Lodge Will Enhance Guests' Experience at McKinley Village Lodge*

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA (April 29, 2009)** – Denali Park Resorts (DPR) announces the completion of the new 15,600-square-foot “Summit Lodge” multi-function building at the McKinley Village Lodge and a complete 120-room amenity renovation for the 2009 summer season. Situated on the banks of the Nenana River, eight miles south of the Park’s entrance, the Summit Lodge utilizes environmentally responsible materials and has been designed to enhance the guest experience through improved check-in, guest service, food and beverage, retail and interpretive media opportunities.

Themed around the 1890s gold rush and the rich wildlife and landscapes of the Denali National Park area, the new Summit Lodge is a part of an ongoing upgrade program for the McKinley Village that comprises added luxury amenities in addition to 38 rooms that were constructed in 2008. Summit Lodge houses the Gold Rush Dining Room, Lucky Miss Saloon, Quigley’s Coffee Corner, Gift Shop and Lobby Check-In area.

Designed to provide an elegant yet rustic experience, the interior of the building will feature photography exhibits from renowned Alaskan photographer Johnny Johnson, and a Northern Lights-inspired stained-glass art design from local glass artist Michelle Turk. Outside, it features a natural wood-accented entrance, patio with a unique water feature and an exterior fire pit for outdoor seating. The outdoor patio area also boasts breathtaking views of the Nenana River, surrounding mountains and valleys and, on occasion, moose or other animals passing through the area.

Summit Lodge is one of the seven buildings at McKinley Village, which have been renamed after the seven highest peaks of the Alaska Range. Spread out over twenty acres, the McKinley Village Lodge offers hiking and nature trails and has new interpretive and educational opportunities planned for every building, to allow guests to learn about the history and culture of Denali.

On Wednesday, June 3, 2009, DPR is hosting more than 70 local, regional and state dignitaries at a ceremony to commemorate the renovations and officially mark the start of the 2009 Denali National Park tour season. DPR also operates the majority of the tours and shuttles that are available within Denali National Park and Preserve ([www.denaliparkresorts.com/tours/index.cfm](http://www.denaliparkresorts.com/tours/index.cfm)), the McKinley Village Lodge, McKinley Chalet Resort, Grande Denali and Denali Bluffs hotels.

“We realize that travelers are looking for true value in 2009, and as one of Alaska’s top destinations, we want to offer visitors new options for luxury amenities and one-of-a-kind experiences at great prices,” said Bob Concienne, vice president, Denali Park Resorts.

Concienne said the renovations at the McKinley Village Lodge also encompass the overall Alaskan experience. “Our additions at the McKinley Village Lodge provide the comforts of a luxury experience, the convenience of connecting to Denali National Park via hiking and/or interpretive tours and the opportunity to fully immerse oneself into an authentic Denali experience.”

[Click here](#) for a virtual tour and photos of the Summit Lodge building.

In addition to the McKinley Village Lodge and McKinley Chalet Resort, ARAMARK and Denali Park Resorts also operates the Grande Denali Lodge and the Denali Bluffs Hotel, all located just outside the park boundary. For more information or to make reservations at any of the Denali Park Resorts hotels, please visit [www.denaliparkresorts.com](http://www.denaliparkresorts.com) or call (866) 296-0327.

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*Editor’s Note: Renderings of the new Summit Lodge are available upon request*

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Denali Park Resorts owns and operates the McKinley Chalet Resort, which features 345 pine-paneled two-room suites in cedar lodges along the Nenana river less than a mile from the entrance to Denali National Park, as well as the spirited Cabin Nite Dinner Theater in an authentic roadhouse and Explore Denali, which provides raft trips on the Nenana River and guided hikes throughout the area.

Denali Park Resorts also owns and operates the McKinley Village Lodge, which features 150 guest rooms in several intimate lodges set on the banks of the Nenana River in a serene forest setting eight miles south of Denali National Park entrance. In addition, the company manages the Grande Denali Lodge and the Denali Bluffs Hotel, including the Alpenglöw Restaurant. To make reservations or receive more information about tours and activities, call 1-800-276-7234, or visit [www.denaliparkresorts.com](http://www.denaliparkresorts.com).

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