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Stunning Alaska Photographs Show Beauty of Land President Carter Helped Preserve *Robert Glenn Ketchum's Images of Southwest Alaska Now on Display at Carter Presidential Library*

ATLANTA, GA.- President Jimmy Carter's legacy of preserving some of the most beautiful and fragile land in the United States is on display at the Carter Presidential Library. The images in the stunning, new exhibit "**Southwest Alaska: A World of National Parks and Wildlife Refuges, the Photographs of Robert Glenn Ketchum**" will take your breath away.

Twenty-seven years ago, President Jimmy Carter helped preserve this beautiful landscape for generations to come. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, signed into law on December 2, 1980, provided for the creation or revision of 15 National Park Service properties, and set aside other public lands for the United States Forest Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. In all, the act provided for the designation of 79.54 million acres (124,281 square miles) of public lands, fully a third of which was set aside as wilderness area.

World-famous photographer Robert Glenn Ketchum has captured the beauty and the fragility of this land in more than three dozen large format images. The photographs in this exhibit have been selected from Robert Glenn Ketchum's comprehensive 2-book Aperture release, **Rivers of Life: Southwest Alaska, The Last Great Salmon Fishery and Wood-Tikchik: Alaska's Largest State Park** the most complete photographic archive ever created of this area.

Photographers will appreciate Ketchum's skill. He and master printer, Michael Wilder, were among the first Americans to work with Ciba-Ilfochrome print materials, and with this current exhibit, Ketchum has moved to new technologies and increasing print size. Some images in this exhibit are larger than life, and their startling clarity gives the boreal landscape a surreal quality. The richness and subtlety of these 30"x 40", 48"x 66" photographic prints are the incomparable results of someone that has been pioneering the exploration of color and scale for nearly 35 years.

The exhibition, which will be on display until April 13th, also features free lectures by Ketchum (January 24th), the Nature Conservancy's Tim Toll (February 21st) and bear expert Chris Morgan (March 20th). For more information, call 404-865-7100 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.