

Newsline
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Topic: Ted Stevens Ice Field Memorial

More than 8,000 miles of spectacular ice field at the north end of Prince William Sound has a new name. At a ceremony held Thursday at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts in Anchorage, the late Senator Ted Stevens was honored for his legacy. Ruth Monahan is the Deputy Regional Forester for the US Forest Service.

“The ice field is about 8,300 square miles, located east of Anchorage. Within that area, it includes some of the most iconic, most spectacular glaciers that we have in Alaska.

Ted McKiever, chair of the North to the Future Foundation tells us the naming of the ice field as well as a mountain peak in Denali National Park is a fitting tribute to the Senator.

“He worked hard to make sure that the forests in Alaska were accessible for a number of purposes. He was a big proponent of visitor access and worked hard to promote visitor facilities and tourism industry.”

The former senator, an avid outdoorsman, known to many Alaskans as Uncle Ted, lost his life in a plane crash last August. Now travelers coming into Anchorage Airport will have a bird’s eye view of the Ted Stevens Ice Field.

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