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**[EXTERNAL] No drilling in ANWR**

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It would be terribly destructive and completely unnecessary to drill for oil and gas in the ANWR. As Sally Jewell explains in today's Seattle Times, the oil and gas industry has a massive surplus of leases and permits, and only bid on 7 per cent of federal acreage offered at auction last year. Adding to the glut doesn't make sense from any standpoint. The best places for development are in the Lower 48.

But the worst impact would be on the coastal plain, which harbors a vast array of wildlife. The extensive roads and infrastructure, and inevitable spills, would cause irrevocable damage to one of the last pristine environments on Earth. This is what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2015 report concluded after a multiyear survey of scientists, biologists, native communities, and the general public.

The plan to auction off a huge part of the ANWR is unjustifiable, dangerous, and just plain foolish. The destruction it would allow to this magnificent region would be a terrible legacy to our heirs. The ANWR is no place to drill now or ever!

Sincerely,

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