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**[EXTERNAL] Arctic Refuge is no place for oil and gas drilling (Alaska)**

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Sally Jewell was U.S. Secretary of the Interior from 2013-2017 and currently serves as a Distinguished Fellow at the University of Washington College of the Environment. Ms. Jewell says, "I'm clear-eyed about the fact our nation remains a fossil-fuel based economy, and energy development is particularly critical to the economy of Alaska. Even as we must strive to transition to a clean-energy future, we can't simply turn off our collective dependence on oil and gas overnight.

And as a former petroleum engineer, businesswoman and Secretary of the Interior, I can say with confidence there are no justifiable reasons that we must drill for oil in America's last truly wild place, the Arctic Refuge."

This location is where thousands of caribou migrate, where birds migrate where rare flora exists for a brief season. Read about the incredible people - Margaret and Olaus Murie, Ginny Wood, Celia Hunter, Aldo Leopold and more who all fought tirelessly to save this precious piece of earth as a wildlife refuge.

We need to transition without destroying any more land and life. Please deny the expedited leasing process with the aim of auctioning off at least 400,000 acres in the Arctic Refuge to the highest bidder as early as next year.

Future generations will thank you,  
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