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**[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge**1 message

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Oil and gas development does not belong in the heart of the Porcupine caribou's calving grounds.

Porcupine caribou are borderless. Their calving grounds are on American soil but the caribou and the Gwich'in have been here since before our international boundaries were drawn.

Although the Arctic Refuge is in Alaska, this is an issue that will affect Canada.

Every year these caribou undergo the longest migration of any land mammal on earth, between their wintering grounds in Yukon and Northwest Territories and their calving grounds in Alaska.

Losing this critical part of their range to development, on top of the impacts they already face from climate change, would create enormous uncertainty for these caribou, one of the last healthy barren-ground herds in North America.

Caribou are incredibly sensitive to light and sound. Oil and gas development could lead them to abandon their calving grounds altogether.

The Porcupine caribou have traditionally sustained Gwich'in communities. The health of these caribou directly impacts their livelihood and well-being.

The loss of these crucial calving grounds would be a tragedy--and your shame.

Kind regards,  
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cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna  
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