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[EXTERNAL] Stop the Drilling: Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS1 message

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No drilling in the Arctic Refuge; America's last truly wild place! The wildlife that live in the Arctic Refuge depend on its unique ecosystem to survive.

Oil and gas drilling would have devastating and irreversible impacts on the people and wildlife for whom the Arctic Refuge is home, as well as on our climate.

To the indigenous Gwich'in people, the Arctic Refuge is "the sacred place where life begins." It is home to hundreds of iconic species, including caribou, polar bears, Arctic foxes and migratory birds from all 50 states and six continents. For the Gwich'in, whose culture and way of life depend on the porcupine caribou herd that migrates through and gives birth to its young on the coastal plain, drilling directly threatens cultural identity and food security.

When We Drill, We Spill!

The long history of oil spills around the world has made one thing clear: the only way to prevent an oil spill is to keep oil in the ground!

~ Melanie A. Golovin