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**[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**1 message

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Although the 1002 area is relatively small in acreage, it is the critical calving grounds of the 200,000 Porcupine Caribou Herd one of the last places on earth that harbors a large mammal migratory herd. I have been fortunate to see the herd as it leaves the coastal plain, thousands of caribou beginning to migrate to their wintering grounds spread out across the vast arctic. In the spring they begin their journey back to the coastal plain where they join the thousands of others in this special place where all calve within a few days of one another.

We have the opportunity to protect this area as Wilderess designation.