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[EXTERNAL] Why we need to keep the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge fully intact.

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I believe that drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a bad idea. Here's why:

First of all, there is not enough water and snow on the coastal plain to safely manage fossil fuel extraction. Right now the plain is bone dry - no snow at all. So there is no way that drilling can happen on the fragile tundra in a responsible way. There is no way oil and gas companies would be able to set up operations there without having a big impact. Also, the coastal plain is what polar bears walk across to den in the foothills of the Brooks Range - then they make the trek back to the Arctic Sea with their cub. Building roads/drilling etc. would definitely mess with their program - as well as the 200,000 porcupine caribou who calve on the coastal plain. They calve there because there is very little snow so they can easily get down and feed on the tundra - you don't have that 100 miles to the west.

I just think that the writing is on the wall that fossil fuels are an old form of providing power and renewables are gaining footing in terms of providing jobs and economy, so why destroy this last truly wild place in the United States? Let's think out of the box that is why America is America.

There is economic value in this area without extracting fossil fuels. Tourism jobs have way more longevity than fossil fuel extraction.

It's easy to see the Arctic Refuge as a flat, cold, wasteland. But it isn't - it's a wonderful and vast and intact ecosystem that doesn't exist anywhere else in the world!

Think we need to figure out how to not need it. So we can keep these areas open. We need those spaces more than anything else.

Thanks for your time.

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