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[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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The proposed oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska is ill advised for numerous reasons.

1. This is the only remaining area of the north slope of Alaska that is not already available for oil and gas development.
2. It is the calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, denning area for Polar Bears and habitat for Musk Ox and other wild life.
3. There is overwhelming public support for protection of this area as wilderness.
4. Extraction of non renewable resources like oil and gas will imperil a renewable resource including the wildlife that live and thrive there.
5. The harsh environmental conditions will make it difficult or impossible to respond to an accidental oil/gas spill.

I have visited the area for a total of 80 plus days on six different trips so I am personally familiar with ANWR. This is too valuable an area to risk this proposed development. I urge you to deny and and all oil and gas permits for this area.

Sincerely,

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