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[EXTERNAL] Reject drilling on the Arctic Coastal Plain

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Bureau of Land management

Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge you to reject any drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The 2015 Environmental Report by the USFWS is one good reason. That report covers the risks to which both wildlife and native people might be subjected. I have seen photos of nearby Prudhoe Bay. The network of roads and accidental oil spills show clearly how human intervention has despoiled the landscape. I don't believe Americans want to see this happen in what is perhaps the last majestic, pristine wilderness in the US.

But additionally, I question the need for such exploitation. It has come to my attention that opportunities for oil companies to lease areas in the lower 48 are still substantial. The areas here that have already been vetted and opened for oil extraction should be first on the list for drilling. Doesn't environmental policy require applicants to demonstrate the need to drill?

Alaska should be encouraged to diversify their economy and reduce their dependence on oil revenues. We are witnessing a tragic example of oil dependence gone bad in Venezuela.

Respectfully,

Samuel Kendall

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