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**[EXTERNAL] There are no justifiable reasons that we must drill for oil in America's last truly wild place, the Arctic Refuge.**

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Contrary to what the American public is being told currently, the oil and gas industry has a massive surplus of oil and gas leases and permits. Less than half of federal acreage under lease is currently producing. Last year, industry bid on just 7 percent of federal acreage offered for lease at auction — the lowest share ever over the past decade.

There is no justifiable reasons to drill for oil in America's last truly wild place, the Arctic Refuge. It is known that the web of roads, requisite infrastructure and inevitable spills would cause irrevocable damage to one of the most sensitive and pristine places on the planet. This is what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded in 2015 after a multiyear review that included more than a million public comments, including from scientists, biologists and Alaska Native communities. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is no place for oil and gas drilling — not now and not ever.

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