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**[EXTERNAL] Scoping Period in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**1 message

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The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1960 with bipartisan support and it continues to enjoy the bipartisan support of the majority of the American people. This is our last truly wild and pristine wilderness area. It is vital to the continued survival of many species including caribou, polar bears and many migratory birds as well as others. We should be making every effort to preserve this magnificent area -especially in the face of the challenges we are being presented with climate change. ANWR should not be opened to oil and gas leasing now or ever!! There is no need for it. We are already experiencing an oil glut and there is a large surplus of gas and oil leases available with less than half currently producing. So why the hurry to open up ANWR?? USFWS stated in 2015 (after years of study) that the roads and infrastructure needed to support exploration and drilling as well as the inevitable oil spills would cause irreversible damage. So why is opening up ANWR to oil and gas leases/permits even being considered? Certainly not for the good of the local people - the Gwich'in people - this will be a threat to their way of life. Alaska might make a small short term profit but at what cost? Let's stop being so short sighted. Oil and gas production would endanger the fragile ANWR ecosystem and be stealing from the heritage of the American people. The Department of the Interior and BLM needs to start showing some loyalty to the American people and to the lands we all hold in common. BLM does not exist to please corporations it exists to serve the American people. DO NOT BETRAY US - SAVE ANWR from the oil and gas industries and all the dirty politics!!! Thank you,  
Karin Mahuna

Sent from my iPad