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[EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT - USFWS ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE1 message

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It both saddens and outrages me to see that those in this country who have been determined to open up this incredible place to oil and gas finally have an administration who has NO value at all for our environment, its wildlife, so those in Congress, primarily Republicans, are thrilled.

NOT SO FAST! Polls have shown time and again that the majority of Americans want The National Wildlife Refuge left alone!!!

So we, as stewards of this land, must ENSURE America's greatest wilderness remains pristine to protect the fish, wildlife and migratory birds who literally DEPEND on it and have for decades. Between the Arctic Refuge and the adjacent Arctic Ocean one finds 700 kinds of plants, 200 species of birds, 47 mammal species and 42 fish species. No other protected area in the entire circumpolar north has such abundant and diverse wildlife!

With two adjacent Canadian National Parks, the Arctic Refuge system is the largest and wildest protected landscape of North America, affording unparalleled opportunities for those seeking the solace of undisturbed areas and vicariously enjoyed by many who may never personally experience it.

Just the thought of energy companies rolling their equipment into this unspoiled terrain, spoiling its fragility, makes me sick. Once that happens, this very special place would be changed forever.

Do not allow that to happen!

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