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[EXTERNAL] No Arctic drilling for oil and gas1 message

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To All Concerned at the Bureau of Land Management:

Bureau of Land Management should immediately abandon its plan to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drill for oil and gas. Therefore, there is no need to start any "scoping" process for an environmental review of the impact of leasing drilling rights to companies in the 1.6-million-acre portion of the ANWR known as the "coastal plain."

The rare, and ecologically magnificent Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was created to conserve the natural diversity of one of the most fragile and ecologically sensitive ecosystems in the world.

Opening this remarkable and delicate ecosystem to oil and gas drilling is an insult to the American people and it flies in the face of the Arctic refuge's true purpose, one of which is to preserve the incredible array of biodiversity. This landscape is also one of the few places on Earth where polar, brown (grizzly), and black bears can be found coexisting. And any damage done cannot be repaired in any meaningful way, in that fragile landscape.

Sent with a sense of urgency,

Yours truly,

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