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**[EXTERNAL] Arctic drilling**

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Dear Bureau of Land Management

Decades ago, the Arctic Refuge was set aside for protection, deservedly so because of its critical ecological value. All these years, it's been off limits to oil and gas development. That should not be changed - not ever. It is up to us and you to protect this vast wild place which sustains 42 fish species, 37 land mammals, 8 marine animals and hundreds of migratory and resident bird species. We must protect this land for our future, for the future of our children and their children. In addition, this land is home to Alaska's indigenous Gwich'in people and their very livelihood - sustenance and culture would be endangered by drilling. These indigenous people consider Arctic Refuge drilling a matter of human rights. The Arctic Refuge is a national treasure. We, all of us, have a moral obligation to protect this irreplaceable land. Please protect it for all of us. Thank you for your help. Eileen and Harvey Barish