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**[EXTERNAL] Protect the arctic refuge**

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Good day,

I am an Alaskan resident and am writing to express my concern over the plan to open up lands to leasing and drilling in the arctic.

As I am sure you are aware the Arctic Refuge is unlike any other place on earth, the Murie's and others had the foresight to recognize this and protect it. The value of this wilderness is even greater today than when the land was initially set aside.

First, I would like the BLM to consider the value of wilderness over time. Oil extraction has a very tangible value that can be redeemed only once. Wilderness and places unspoiled by the heavy hand of humans most certainly have value, and this value will increase over time as the commodity becomes more rare and the demand for it increases. This should and must be included in any analysis.

Second, I would like to see the comment period extended by at least 60 days for this incredibly important EIS and subsequent decision.

Third, I would like the BLM to conduct more than one public hearing on this outside of Alaska. This land belongs to everyone and they deserve to have a say.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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Sent from my iPhone