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[EXTERNAL] Comments on ANWR Leasing for oil and gas1 message

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Comments on ANWR Leasing for oil and gas:

Do not open ANWR for oil and gas drilling. It is NOT a national priority. Nor is it a matter of national security. Despoiling this place merely means a few companies will grow wealthier. Realize private profit for private companies is not the goal of the Department of Interior. Rather, your job is to protect our natural resources.

There is no need for the fossil fuel that might be retrieved. If Americans merely inflated their tires to their appropriate pressure it would save the oil projected to be found in ANWR. Run an "Inflate Your Tires" campaign and you save the day. Not only would this campaign save this day but the habit of proper inflation would make the nation wealthier by perpetually spending less money on gas. If you want a healthy economy for a long time, then inflate tires. Don't drill for a single use, and short term goal.

Oil and gas extraction is hopelessly filthy. Fossil companies will befoul ANWR to a state where it cannot recover. It is not too much to save this pristine place especially if we can do so by merely inflating our tires.

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