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The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is one of a tiny few pristine habitats remaining on this planet and is home to threatened and endangered species. Under no circumstance should an oil and gas leasing program take place within the area defined as the Coastal Plain or anywhere else in ANWR.

Any Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should conclude that there is no safe or reasonable circumstance under which gas or oil drilling, mining or any form of extraction could take place in ANWR.

There are numerous other options for fossil fuel extraction around the globe that are currently under way and there is no possible reason or excuse to drill in this location.

If any type of mining or extraction industry is introduced to this area, ANWR will be irreparably damaged. Given the isolated and environmentally challenging nature of the Arctic, it is not prudent to drill in this area because when, not if, a spill occurs, it will be exceedingly difficult and expensive to implement measures to clean up the area.

The move to drill in ANWR is opposed by investors representing \$2.52 trillion in assets and it is the obligation of the publicly traded companies who would potentially drill in ANWR to act in the interest of their shareholders (<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/press-room/Investor%20Arctic%20National%20Wildlife%20Refuge%20Letter%20%5B2%5D.pdf>).

The BLM should not move forward with any plans or potential plans to allow extraction industries in ANWR.

Best regards,
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