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**[EXTERNAL] Arctic Refuge Is No Place for Oil and Gas Drilling**

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To: "blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov" &lt;blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov&gt;

To Nicole Hayes, Project Coordinator

Dear Ms. Hayes:

There are absolutely no justifiable reasons to drill for oil in America's last truly wild place, the Arctic Refuge - not now, not ever. At this time the oil and gas industry has a massive surplus of oil and gas leases and permits. Less than half of federal acreage under lease is currently producing. Last year industry bid on just 7 percent of federal acreage offered for lease at auction. Fracking has unlocked resources in the lower 48 states that has enabled us to cut our dependence on foreign oil. Any economist will tell you that adding to the glut of supply at this time does not make good business sense.

We know from experience that the web of roads, infrastructure and inevitable spills would cause irrevocable damage to one of the most sensitive and pristine places on the planet. We should not be a nation that trades away our children's future for recess, shortsighted political gains. I strongly urge the administration to reconsider your ill-conceived, dangerous and costly rush to sell out one of the last truly wild places on earth.

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