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[EXTERNAL] Alaska National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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Clearly there is no economic basis to open the ANWR to drilling. Amidst a surplus of oil & gas leases and permits available, this is little more than a political move by the Department of the Interior and the Trump Administration to make a gesture to its political base.

Our public lands should not be politicized. They should be managed. The evidence supports that this is not an economically viable move. In fact the opposite is true.

So why would you support drilling in the ANWR if it is not necessary and not economically viable? You have a fiduciary responsibility to NOT auction it off and to retain it as undeveloped land.

The BLM should do its job and not auction these lands to the lowest bidder. As this is exactly what will occur if you proceed with the auction. Maybe in the future this will be justified but for now it will do nothing to support the Alaska or national economies in any way.