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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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To: blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov

To the BLM:

For over 50 years America has had bipartisan agreement to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Why are you willing to throw that away? There is absolutely no justifiable reasons to drill for oil in this truly important wild place. We have a glut of oil already, and there is much more accessible oil available in the lower 48. As far as I can tell, the only reasons to do this are (1) to provide more oil revenue for the state of Alaska, and (2) to increase profits for the oil industry.

The roads, infrastructure and oil spills which result from allowing the Refuge to be open for oil leasing would cause irrevocable damage to one of the most sensitive and pristine places in the world. Alaska Native communities in and near the North Slope depend upon the caribou and other game for their livelihoods. As a former Alaskan, I have personally experienced the wild beauty and fragility of our country's far north. We must not sell it now, probably for much less money than some have predicted. This wild place has incredible value to America now and to those who come after us.

Protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge!

Sincerely,
Ann Roggasch