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[EXTERNAL] Scoping Period Comment for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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I oppose drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Many subjects should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The oil is unneeded at this time. Drilling and its associated activities will disrupt native wildlife and that of local residents. The refuge is nesting habitat for many waterfowl and shorebirds, which range throughout the North American continent when they finish breeding. Some of them grace our local waterways in winter or in migration. Over 200 species of bird occur in or adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, as well as 47 mammal, 42 fish, and 700 plant species. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge abuts two Canadian National Parks, resulting in a huge expanse of wilderness. The coastal plain is the calving ground for the porcupine herd of caribou, and they are vital to the native Gwich'in people. I also wish to emphasize that as a National Wildlife Refuge, it belongs to all American people, not just oil interests. Those other interests should be taken into account. These issues should all be addressed in the EIS. Please enter these comments in the official record.

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