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**[EXTERNAL] Please do not drill in the Arctic Refuge**

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As one of the last remaining pristine landscapes we Americans can claim, I find the possibility of destroying it to be abhorrent.

TL;DR - PLEASE DO NOT DRILL FOR OIL IN THE ARCTIC REFUGE.

If we allow drilling to take place, we are endangering America's greatest wilderness and the fish, wildlife and migratory birds that depend on it. Between Arctic Refuge and the adjacent Arctic Ocean one finds 700 kinds of plants, 200 species of birds, 47 mammal species and 42 fish species. No other protected area in the entire circumpolar north has such abundant and diverse wildlife. With two adjacent Canadian National Parks, the Arctic Refuge ecosystem is the largest and wildest protected landscape in North America, affording unparalleled opportunities for those seeking the solace of undisturbed areas and vicariously enjoyed by many who may never personally experience it, myself included.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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