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[EXTERNAL] I'm a biologist and I know that you don't extract oil in a National Wildlife Refuge1 message

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Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I spent years working as a research field and lab biologist. I know what national wildlife refuges stand for, and I strongly oppose oil extraction in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Department of the Interior is violating its mission to propose energy development in the Refuge. No lease sales should EVER be made there. Stop the process NOW.

Why? Scars from heavy seismic equipment and drilling equipment would harm natural hydrologic patterns. Masses of migratory birds would be killed by oil spills. The Porcupine Caribou Herd would be displaced from calving grounds on the narrow coastal plain. In short, the long-term conservation of the Arctic ecosystem that is protected by the Refuge program would be severely harmed if oil and gas is extracted in the Refuge.

The Refuge should remain a place in America's Arctic for birds and wildlife. The Department must IMMEDIATELY stop wasting taxpayers money on its appalling scheme to extract petroleum products from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

In addition, you, Mr. Zinke, are violating your oath to fulfill the mission mandated to the Secretary of the Interior.

Shame on you.

Sincerely,
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