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[EXTERNAL] Please save the Arctic Wildlife Refuge! We don't need the oil. Leave the wilderness alone please.

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This is a rare chance to ensure America's greatest wilderness remains pristine to protect 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. **THERE IS No need for Arctic Refuge oil.** There's been declining interest in Arctic Refuge oil exploration in the last decade as fracking technology enabled oil companies to reach previously inaccessible reserves. Coupled with increased offshore drilling, U.S. crude oil reserves doubled between 2008 and 2014 and oil prices are a fraction of what they were a decade ago. At the same time, conservation allowed U.S. oil imports to decline from 12.5 million barrels per day in 2005 to 5 million in 2014. Increased fuel economy standards will save the U.S. more oil than we import from the Persian Gulf and Venezuela combined.

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