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[EXTERNAL] Arctic needs protection!

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We as taxpayers are not paying taxes to protect big oil's profit! We pay agencies to protect life & our health and health of this planet! When will the agencies learn from the Gulf! The Gulf still is not completely cleaned up nor has all the businesses recovered! The people have lost too much already there & families of small businesses are still suffering due to loss of their livelihoods! So, why would you even consider giving oil the O.K. To do more harm in a area that they can not handle a oil spill?!!?!? You know by what happen in the pass! Here are things you should follow plus things that the oil business will do, if allow in the Arctic! There should NEVER be any drilling or fracking for oil anywhere in the Arctic!

Plain is the biological heart of the Arctic Refuge and provides important habitat for polar bears, caribou, muskoxen, and hundreds of species of migratory birds that travel from all 50 states and 6 continents. Oil and gas would harm the most important onshore

denning habitat for threatened polar bears in the United States, further placing this imperiled species at risk. Oil and gas activities would also further exacerbate climate change, which is already causing temperatures in the Arctic to rise at twice the rate

of the rest of the country. Oil and gas activities are completely at odds with the protection of the wildlife and other values in the Refuge, and with the urgent need to address climate change.

Plain is the calving and post-calving ground for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, an important subsistence resource for the Gwich'in Nation. The Gwich'in people have relied on the caribou for millennia and consider the Coastal Plain to be "the sacred place where

life begins." Protecting the caribou and its habitats is a matter of basic human rights for the Gwich'in. Protection of the herd and its habitats along its migration route is one of the original reasons why the Arctic Refuge was set aside, and there is treaty

between the U.S. and Canada to protect the herd. Interior needs to gather the best possible scientific information and err on the side of caution to ensure that the herd is fully protected from oil and gas activities

to consider the impacts from all stages of oil and gas, including seismic activities, leasing, exploration drilling, and development, as well as any related infrastructure or other activities. The environmental impacts from oil and gas will extend well beyond

the footprint of any actual developments and will harm the wildlife, water, subsistence, and other values the Arctic Refuge was set aside to protect.

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