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[EXTERNAL] Scoping comment-Coastal plain-Infrastructure

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According to a recent Washington Post article: "Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in a release announced \$50 million in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service construction projects to repair and rehabilitate aging wildlife refuge and fish hatchery infrastructure at refuges throughout the country. 'The President is a builder, he loves to build and he loves our public lands, so it is a natural fit that the Trump Administration is dedicating so much attention to rebuilding our aging Fish and Wildlife Service infrastructure,' Zinke said in the announcement. The construction money includes nearly \$5.9 million for Alaska, with two-thirds targeted to support 'heightened levels of activity' connected to preparing for oil exploration in the Arctic refuge."

Hm. That doesn't make sense, does it? For one thing, building new oil and gas infrastructure is not repairing and rehabilitating aging infrastructure, is it.

As an ally with the Gwich'in Nation on behalf of defending the Refuge from "the President," here are some better uses for that money in Alaska (and nation):

- a) pay for increasing fire-fighting spurred by and spurring further climate warming.
- b) fund more scoping meetings in all AK villages and nationwide
- c) invest in re/generative energy systems and vehicles for all USFWS activities
- d) buy top-shelf body lotion for all USFWS employees and their families and friends (just kidding)