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Interior Department Bureau of Land Managment,

It is so upsetting to see, once again, money being far more important than nature! The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is fragile and will not recover from heavy machinery! As the name indicates, this area is for wildlife (not people's wild party life) and my understanding is that USA agreed with Canada to protect this area for migrating animals.

The Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is of cultural and natural value to all Americans, especially to the Gwich'in people of Alaska and Canada. Polar bears and caribou give birth there, including the Porcupine Caribou Herd that sustains Gwich'in and other indigenous people. The coastal beach provides birthing area for many birds.

I oppose oil and gas activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and stand with the Gwich'in to demand that the Coastal Plain of the Refuge remain protected for future generations.

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