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**[EXTERNAL] PROTECT THE COASTAL PLAIN**

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Oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development does not belong on the coastal plain and should never be permitted on the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge.

The coastal plain is only a narrow strip of land between the northern slope of the Brooks Range and the Beaufort Sea and serves as the calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou herd, and also provides a rich habitat for thousands of migratory birds that come from all over the world to raise their chicks, polar bears, and many other arctic animals.

Where will these animals go if the oil and gas developers take over the land? There is no place else for them to go.

The coastal plain is considered the "biological heart" of the Arctic Refuge. The Gwich'in people call the coastal plain, "The Scared Place Where Life Begins".

**The coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge must be protected not destroyed by oil and gas development.**

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