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**[EXTERNAL] comments on ANWR coastal plain oil development**1 message

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To whom it may concern, BLM:

I am not one who has a blanket feeling of "not in my backyard" for drilling for oil. As much as I hate it, I do drive a car and heat partially with oil. Therefore I believe the ethical thing to do is actually to extract from our lands so that we do not externalize the costs of extraction to poorer countries with weaker environmental protections and worse corruption.

However, I do believe that some places have resources that are more valuable than the oil in the ground, and the coastal plain of the refuge, I believe, is one of them. This is critical habitat for denning polar bears, who are more and more stressed with the receding ice cap. It is also the calving grounds for the Porcupine caribou herd, as well as nesting grounds for countless species of birds who travel from vastly different parts of the globe to do so.

This is a biologically unique and important place, and should not be developed for oil extraction.

Thank you,  
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