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[EXTERNAL] Arctic Refuge Comments

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Hi there,

I would like to see the Arctic Refuge preserved into perpetuity. Here's why:

- This is the only part of Alaska's vast north slope that historically has been protected from development and it should stay that way.
- There are vast amounts of lands that are already slated for development that are still awaiting leases, such as in the National Petroleum Reserve adjacent to the refuge.
- The 1002 area is the birthing ground of the Porcupine caribou herd and is essential to the long-term health of this population. There is no science to show that the Porcupine herd will or can survive such intrusive development in such critical habitat.
- Inadequate consideration was given to the overwhelming public support for protection of this area as wilderness.
- This proposed leasing goes against the values for which the Arctic Refuge was set aside. Also, it does not follow the recommendations of the management plans for the Arctic Refuge.
- We don't need the oil. Alaska can't even currently sell the existing leases they have available outside of the refuge.
- This won't balance the budget but it will aggravate global warming.
- This place belongs to all Americans. Similar to Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon, it is an American treasure that deserves to be protected indefinitely.

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your work.

~Karla Youngblood
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