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**[EXTERNAL] A Plea to Save the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge**1 message

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What is a refuge?

The word refuge was not attached to the name of this pristine and sacred wilderness area as a random gesture. It was meant to serve as a powerful descriptor for the purpose and mandate that this vast, pristine wilderness region known as ANWAR, must be protected and preserved for all time.

Refuge- A condition of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or trouble.

There is nothing about oil and gas exploration, encroachment of roads, construction, drilling, or disruption and destruction of a fragile ecosystem that denotes "refuge."

Oil and gas exploration, drilling and development are not in any way compatible with the purposes of the refuge.

That purpose, specifically being to "preserve the unique wildlife, wilderness, and recreational values" of the region. This is outlined more specifically in four subset goals, all relating to wildlife, treaty obligations as they relate to fish, wildlife and their habitats, subsistence use by local residents, maintaining water quality, and protecting large and diverse populations of wildlife.

As a people, we must recognize and passionately protect the splendor and magnificence of our natural earth for all living creatures to share, and to preserve and pass along these wonders to future generations. The fossil fuel industry as a finite resource belongs in the past.

It is the wonder, the beauty, and the magnificent complexity of nature's Circle of Life that we must cherish and keep safe. ANWAR is, and must always be held in the highest regard as a refuge, a place that is safe from the encroachment of development or natural resource extraction.

**OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION IS INCOMPATIBLE AND HAS NO PLACE IN THE ALASKA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE!**

Sincerely,  
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