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[EXTERNAL] NO DRILLING IN THE ARTIC NATL WILDLIFE REFUGE1 message

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To: blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov

Good Afternoon,

I am respectfully requesting that exploration and possible drilling be DENIED in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The impact on fragile soils, vegetation and wildlife would be destructive and irreversible! If pockets of oil are found, roads, pads, and drill rigs will follow to conduct exploratory oil drilling. Extraction and transport of that oil will mean holding tanks, generators, a massive pipeline system, additional roads, and other infrastructure. This level of noise, lighting, and an industrialized landscape has no place in a pristine wildlife refuge. Oil spills, large and small, are also a regular part of this industry.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, "The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and, where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans."

Oil drilling has NOTHING to do with that mission - and should be denied!

I want my National Wildlife Refuges managed for the benefit of wildlife - and not the oil industry!

With respect,

Suzanne Canada