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**[EXTERNAL] Protect the Refuge**

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It is our responsibility to protect Alaskan resources.

Protect the Refuge, protect our future with renewable sources.

[www.adn.com/opinions/2018/05/30/arctic-refuge-drilling-represents-betrayal-of-alaskans-economic-interest/?outputType=amp-type](http://www.adn.com/opinions/2018/05/30/arctic-refuge-drilling-represents-betrayal-of-alaskans-economic-interest/?outputType=amp-type)

BLM would need to be able to give highly certain evidence that oil and gas activities will not breach the purposes of ANCILA, which are primarily to protect fish and wildlife—caribou as well as musk oxen, polar bears, over 135 kinds of birds, plants, soils and the permafrost upholding them—and other natural values as well as cultural values, including traditional subsistence for present and future generations. There is already plenty of evidence that oil and gas activities and ANCILA's primary purposes are not compatible. BLM must respect this evidence particularly taking into account the knowledge of Gwich'in and other Alaska Natives who know this land better than anyone else and have been responsible to it for longer than anyone else.