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[EXTERNAL] national wildlife refuge1 message

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Hello

after hearing about the Arctic wildlife refuge for my entire adult life I finally had the good fortune to be one of the few to be able to visit this incredible area in 2017. i am a small business owner in the outdoor industry and my entire career has been predicated on americans enjoying their natural resources. I understand that our modern society depends on oil, but maintaining cheap oil prices by exploiting the Arctic Refuge is simply untenable to me, especially when very low levels of encouragement for mild conservation of existing resources have not been undertaken by the government.

it's true that the remoteness and wild nature of the Refuge will preclude many americans from being able to visit this place, but it is exactly that unique nature of the place that Americans value.

please do not open the Refuge up to leasing.

Sincerely,
Tom Diegel
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