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[EXTERNAL] Fwd: ANWR drilling

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The coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge should not be open to leasing for oil or gas. This area is too important for wildlife, such as caribou, grizzly bears, wolves, foxes and wolverines, to name the most prevalent mammals. It is critical habitat for nesting migrating birds. Disruption of this natural environment by the development of infrastructure to explore for nonrenewal resources is unacceptable.

This is a wilderness area that should remain protected forever, as there is so little land left in the world that is untouched, but for the visitors who come to Alaska to experience the Refuge, as well as Alaska Natives in Arctic Village especially, who depend on the caribou for a big part of their traditional needs. They need the caribou to sustain their culture.

My family has spent much time in the Refuge, a privilege we do not take for granted. We know it is not accessible to all, but knowing it will be protected for all generations in the future is a powerful incentive for so many Americans to feel this place is too precious to develop.

Please consider these arguments for not developing the Arctic NATIONAL Wildlife Refuge. BLM can make a decision that would be extraordinary in these times to protect this gem.

Thank you,
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