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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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There are a multitude of reasons to oppose drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Paramount is protection of the Gwich'in people and the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou herd, central to Gwich'in subsistence. Here is an opportunity to do the right thing, or more to the point, to avoid doing the wrong thing.

The world is facing catastrophic climate changes. Burning fossil fuels is a major contributor to these changes. Why would we look for more places to drill?? Alaska and the Arctic are on the frontlines of change. I have lived in the arctic. Changes to sea and river ice have happened so quickly that the villagers have not had time to adapt. I can name four people from one village that lost their lives because they were traveling at a time on ice that has been safe thousands of years. These are just four separate incidences. There are many more.

DO NOT ALLOW drilling in the refuge. It is wrong!

Sincerely,
Gretchen Diemer