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**[EXTERNAL] No drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**1 message

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Ryan Zinke,

I write to urge you to reject the proposal to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling for oil/gas. If there is only one place that should be off limits to such drilling, this refuge is it. There are many other places where such drilling would be dangerous, and we cannot burn new fossil fuels without triggering the worst impacts of climate change, including killing more people. But drilling here would be national tragedy.

This refuge, sometimes called America's Serengeti, and especially the coastal plain, has some of the most important and pristine wildlife habitat remaining anywhere for migrating caribou, bear denning, and migratory bird nesting. The fragmentation and disruption from drilling and related infrastructure would be devastating.

In addition, drilling would have harmful devastating and permanent impacts on the Gwich'in people who rely upon its caribou herd as part of their traditional life. You should respect that.

For these reasons, I ask you to please reject this short-sighted and unnecessary proposal.

Thank you.

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