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**[EXTERNAL] Alaskan comment**

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I am completely and unequivocally opposed to the opening of the 1002 area to oil and gas exploration and leasing for development. I have visited the area numerous times and consider it special, even sacred, as do the native Gwichin population. It should be protected and left alone as it is not needed for its oil and is much more important as a wild place for the caribou and other wildlife. We are not separate from this earth, we are a part of it and must begin to give respect for that fact. Leave the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge a refuge.

Mike Ellis, Fox, Alaska.