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[EXTERNAL] comment on ANWR development

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Greetings,

As a longtime resident of Alaska (over 30 years (1980-2011), I was terribly dismayed concerning legislation that allowed drilling in the 10-02 area of ANWR. ANWR is one of the last, great true wilderness areas, and it is a shame to see the area developed. Although this is only a portion of ANWR still, as the best science has shown, ecologies are interconnected networks, and can be affected by the degradation of one important region. The mere existence value of the wilderness, its bequest value to future generations, and the biological integrity of the area are things worth preserving. These considerations would seem to outweigh any economic value, particularly in times when oil prices are rather low and there is abundant surplus of oil available in the U.S. There are other places where oil can be found, and it seems a shame to spoil a pristine wilderness when those places can be further developed.

Best wishes,

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