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[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge1 message

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Caribou are a unique species that evolved in ancient Beringia around two million years ago. The Porcupine Caribou herd is of vital importance to the Gwich'in people who have harvested them for at least 14,000 years. This herd is also important to the continued existence of the caribou species which is facing extinction almost everywhere due to climate change and human activity.

The Porcupine Caribou herd migrates back and forth across Alaska and Yukon. The ANWAR region contains the birthing grounds for the herd. Caribou are known to be particularly sensitive to human disruptions on the land. The Porcupine caribou herd is not likely to survive oil and gas development ANWAR. And the consequences will be permanent. Gone is gone.

Please consider the long term effects of your decision to open ANWAR to oil and gas development. It is your responsibility to demonstrate wise social and environmental stewardship of the environment you are fortunate enough to occupy. Do it for your grandchildren.

Kind regards,
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