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**[EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas Leasing in Arctic Wildlife Refuge**

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The Department of the Interior has been hijacked by those who lack conscience. Who cannot appreciate the value and magnificent beauty of the undisturbed American wilderness. The DOI hijackers parasitic goal is the enrichment of the fossil fuel companies at the public's expense. The DOI hijackers reject all scientific studies that predict the irreparable harm that will be inflicted on Arctic wildlife when heavy equipment flattens migratory bird nesting sites and pipelines block ancient caribou migration patterns. Gas flares will pollute the air and the flames will destroy the night. When the cheaply built pipelines leak from exposure to an extremely harsh Arctic environment, the runoff will poison waterways for hundreds of miles. From the US Fish & Wildlife website "Three Arctic Refuge rivers are so magnificent they've been designated for special protections under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, and four other Arctic Refuge rivers have been recommended for inclusion." This is no place for reckless fossil fuel wildcatters. We've seen the damage inflicted many times before, and we know we're unable to restore a pristine habitat that has evolved over millennia. This plan to drill is horrific and irresponsible. Since the evidence of fossil fuel burning as the basis of global warming is only intensifying with each new study, this misguided drilling plan represents an attack on our children's future. Ultimately, it is an attack on the future of life on Earth. I am adamantly opposed to this plan!

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