

I am opposed to opening ANWR to drilling development. I saw first hand the result of seismic drilling in 1969 at the Sagavonirktuk river. When our Nodwell train camp moved from one location to another, we bundled up our bags of feces and anything else toxic or not we could burn and lit fire to the stinking mess - this was the reality in remote locations where no one could see the true behavior of the oil companies and their subcontractors. I believe today is no different in principle - when not observed, oil development can and often does thumb its' nose at environmental safeguards.

I see from the 5 day advance notice and workday timing, that BLM is pushing hard to get this done pronto, public sentiment be damned. I also know some BLM workers kept at it during the government shut down - oil development didn't get short-handed like the air traffic controllers.

I also see the subtle but powerful shenanigans around such things as the 2000 acre limit to development applying "at any given time." This

means any development that is no longer active will be removed from the total acreage statistic, allowing more development every chance they get. Only drilling and pumping facilities will count - support pads and roads, etc. will be exempt from the 2000 acre limit - just another example of oil companies' power and shameless ethics - like knowing about the reality and dangers of climate disruption from fossil fuel development and ever increasing usage, and not allowing that knowledge to reach the public ear.

I am convinced that oil development is a bad idea in general, and we should be pushing ahead with renewables as fast as possible, like many European nations. The profit that would come from ANWR despoiling is not worth the short-lived boom, and it just wastes time we should be addressing sustainability. I urge BLM to take seriously my and the majority of Americans' conviction that ANWR should remain pristine for the Gwich'in people and all Americans.

Thank you, Phil Osborn

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