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I oppose drilling inside the Refuge because it's one of the last places on the planet with the fecundity of wildlife it has; that's why it was set aside as a wildlife refuge in the first place. Note that these are public lands & the tax act did not allow for thorough debate or consideration on this issue. This is the last place in Alaska we should be looking for oil, esp. considering that there's plenty of area with high hydrocarbon potential outside the Refuge

The Tax Act claims only 2000 acres will be developed. This is an absurd claim. The DEIS needs to account for all lands that could be modified, including river beds for gravel extraction, roadways, pipelines, airfields, not just the structures to be built. It also needs to adequately address the impacts a spider web of development will have upon all animal communities. As development has expanded in Prudhoe Bay & elsewhere in the Arctic, caribou & other wildlife have been restricted from vast areas because they have been cut off..

The document needs to address how development in this remote area will further exacerbate climate change. Why are we drilling for more oil in this remote & expensive area when the world is awash in oil that is cooking the planet?

Sincerely, Dave Gordon

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