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Keep America's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge wild!

To Whom it May Concern,

Do not allow the opening the 1.5 million-acre Coastal Plain of our Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil leasing and development.

This action would destroy the wild quality of both the Coastal Plain and adjacent designated Wilderness lands in the Arctic Refuge. And it would destroy the Arctic Refuge's ecological integrity which has flourished since the beginning of time.

The impact oil leasing and development would have on caribou, especially when caribou are most vulnerable to disturbance(especially during critical times of calving and raising young) would be devastating. And the money it will generate will only benefit the very wealthy oil industry. Oil leasing and development on the Coastal Plain would

cause caribou populations to decline, which would have significant ramifications over a vast area of Alaska and Canada, and these effects would persist beyond the estimated 130 years of exploitation. Amongst other issues, this will negatively impact indigenous people and their lifestyle.

The DEIS significantly underestimates the amount of carbon pollution that oil leasing and development would add to atmosphere, and fails to truthfully address the implications of exacerbating the climate crisis.

Regardless of the nonsense spouted by our President , CLIMATE CHANGE IS A FACT and if we don't do something soon, we may be too late. The financial cost of climate change will totally negate any money earned by the oil industry.

Fresh water is relatively limited on the Refuge Coastal Plain, and the DEIS has not adequately assessed the impacts that industry's water use would have on fish and wildlife.

Do not allow this pristine area to be destroyed! It would be a crime against nature & future generations!

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