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I'll keep this short. Please don't open the 1002 area of the ANWR to oil exploration. The refuge was set aside as wilderness. Having been there myself, I can testify to its value. I've seen people transformed by being in this special area. It's precious and once opened, it will be gone.

Please reject any effort to open it.

Sincerely,  
John McWhorter  
Former Alaskan Resident