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The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge should be kept free from oil leasing. The Coastal Plain is critical habitat for the Porcupine caribou herd because it offers them protection from predators. The Gwich'in Nation depends on the health of the herd for their subsistence and cultural heritage. Oil leasing will displace vulnerable calving caribou from the calving grounds. Oil leasing will also impact threatened polar bear while they den on the coastal plain.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the last large tracts of undisturbed land in North America. To develop the coastal plain, the biological heart of the refuge, would be a national disgrace.

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