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Big Oil's Latest Scheme: Directional Drilling in the Arctic Refuge

Statement from Kristen Miller, Government Affairs Director:

“Senator Lisa Murkowski’s (R-AK) proposal to allow oil from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to be accessed through directional drilling is just Big Oil’s latest scheme to get their hands on pristine, untouched land that millions of Americans have fought for years to protect. No matter how you dress it up, the goal is still to develop one of the few truly wild places we have left.

Big Oil has a dismal track record in Alaska. They are constantly telling us that the risk of a spill is low - yet spills just keep happening, with one reported just today in Prudhoe Bay. The Prudhoe Bay oil fields and Trans-Alaska Pipeline have caused an average of 504 spills annually on the North Slope since 1996, according to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

The bottom line is that the Arctic Refuge must remain off limits to oil and gas development. We owe it to future generations.”

About Alaska Wilderness League:

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