



ARCTIC TRUTH

Celebrating 50 Years of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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Each week leading up to the **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's 50th Anniversary** on December 6, 2010, we will be sending you an Arctic Truth newsletter highlighting an **Arctic Hero**, an **Arctic bird** that migrates from the Refuge to other states in the US, and other news about why the Arctic Refuge deserves the strongest possible protections.



Arctic Hero

Jon Waterman, an award-winning photographer, author and writer, is known primarily for the time that he's spent exploring the North. Six of his nine books detail his experiences in the Arctic, where he has traveled extensively. His latest book, "Where Mountains Are Nameless—Passion and Politics in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," highlights the volatility of present-day politics in the Refuge through historical narrative and stories of his journeys across the Arctic Refuge.

Arctic Bird

The **Golden Eagle** is a large bird of prey with a wingspan that can exceed 7 feet. The eagles can reach speeds up to 120 mph. They hunt a variety of prey, and have even been known to attack full-grown deer! Golden Eagles breed in the Arctic Refuge, and then each October many of them gather in Montana, which hosts the largest congregation of Golden Eagles in the world.



Arctic Action

Last January, Congressmen Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Bart Stupak (D-MI) sent a letter to BP Alaska President John Minge requesting information about BP's work on the North Slope, worker complaints, and for more details about five serious incidents of concern that had occurred since 2008. Stanley Sporkin, BP Ombudsman, sent BP's reply — but it turns out Sporkin's report to Congress was false on several counts. For example, safety concerns had been raised (and ignored) in one incident years earlier than the report indicated. Additionally, BP's Alaska office has received more than half of all the concerns raised by BP workers since 2006. Putting our spectacular federal wilderness areas like the Arctic Refuge in the hands of a corporation like BP, and trusting they will be managed in the public interest, makes no sense. Please help protect the Arctic Refuge once and for all by **cosponsoring H.R. 39, the Arctic wilderness bill**.



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