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It's déjà vu all over again – President's budget includes drilling in the Arctic Refuge

WASHINGTON – President Trump's budget includes a highly controversial proposal to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Statement by Kristen Miller, Interim Executive Director, Alaska Wilderness League:

"Here we go again.

The President's budget drastically cuts funding that would put the health of our nation's land, water and people at serious risk. It also includes another poison pill – drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. For 30 years, Congress has voted nearly 50 times on whether or not to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Yet our nation's largest and wildest Refuge remains protected today, thanks to the overwhelming support of the American people – year after year, decade after decade. [Recent polling](#) has shown that, still today, more than two-thirds of the American public want to see this iconic landscape protected.

Once again, President Trump is pursuing efforts that show just how out of touch he is with the hearts and minds of the American public. Some places in our nation are simply too special, too sacred to drill – and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of them. This exhausted debate needs to end, once and for all.

The Arctic Refuge is one of our nation's most majestic places, home to the Porcupine Caribou Herd, musk oxen, wolves, imperiled polar bears, and nearly 200 species of migratory birds that migrate to six continents and all 50 states. It would be irresponsible to drill there."

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