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### **House attempts to sneak in Arctic Refuge drilling**

WASHINGTON – Today the House Budget Committee announced its 2018 fiscal budget, which includes a \$5B dollar reconciliation instruction to the House Natural Resources Committee that serves as a veiled attempt to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Earlier this year the White House released its budget with a \$1.8B in speculative revenues from drilling in the Arctic Refuge.

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

“The members on the House Budget Committee must think that they are pulling the wool over the American peoples’ eyes. It is not a secret as to how Congress will achieve their reconciliation goals – they are banking on drilling in the Arctic Refuge.

The American people will not stand for this – for 30 years, Arctic Refuge protections have had unwavering support from across the nation. Congress has voted nearly 50 times on whether or not to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. [Recent polling](#) has shown that, still today, more than two-thirds of the American public want to see this iconic landscape protected.

President Trump and this Congress continue to show just how out of touch they are 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.”

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