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### **Senate Budget Committee passes budget that advances drilling in the Arctic Refuge**

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget reported its FY18 budget resolution, which includes \$1 billion dollars in reconciliation instructions to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources that will be used to advance drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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

“The Senate Budget Committee has advanced drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as part of the FY18 budget resolution. This is a blatant attempt to hijack the budget reconciliation process and use its expedited procedures to undermine decades of protection for the iconic Arctic National Wildlife Refuge – an issue that has been continually rejected by Congress and the American people.

Drilling in this sacred land is divisive and controversial, and attaching this provision to must-pass legislation, like tax reform, could tank the whole process. We will fight back assaults on this special place on all fronts – from administration attacks to the sneaky backroom deals of Congress, we will not rest until the Arctic Refuge is protected from drilling.”

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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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