House Leaders blast Interior decision to allow offshore drilling to move forward during shutdown


You can find the full letter here.

Statement by Leah Donahey, Legislative Director, Alaska Wilderness League:

“We are thankful there are now people like Rep. Grijalva in charge on Capitol Hill that care about more than just fossil fuel money and developing every last inch of our public spaces. That Trump continues to hold the federal government and the lives of hundreds of thousands of federal works hostage over a vanity project is bad enough. That he’s forcing agency workers to continue, unpaid, to advance his ‘energy dominance’ obsession when that money could be better spent on upkeep and maintaining our public lands and waters is ridiculous.

The Arctic Ocean is fragile and remote with little to no infrastructure to deal with potential oil spills. The region continues to warm, and this warming is feeding the increasingly extreme climate-related events we’re seeing across the continent. It would be completely irresponsible to drill there.”

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