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- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

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<b>SUMMER</b> (June - Aug).....	<b>May 1</b>
<i>Environment-Fire-Recreation</i>	
<b>FALL</b> (Sept - Nov).....	<b>August 1</b>
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**Next deadline: May 1**

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Arctic Refuge**

Dear Editor:

The Senate/House tax bill conference endorsed oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This is amazingly short-sighted for many reasons. Many proven alternative energy choices can replace oil and gas, but there is only one Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge includes precious habitat for species ranging from polar bears and caribou to nesting birds and waterfowl. These migrating birds touch all 50 states and nearly every continent of the globe.

The Coastal Plain supports 135 species of migratory birds that fly to six continents and provides critical habitat for the iconic polar bear. In Oregon, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge may seem far away. But the Sandhill Crane and the Brant Goose migrate to and from the Coastal Plain and southern Oregon's Applegate Valley each year.

This Arctic attack ignores the will of the American people. For nearly 40 years, efforts have been under way to protect the immense biodiversity that is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from the assault and devastation imposed by fossil fuel exploration and extraction ([refugeassociation.org/advocacy/refuge-issues/arctic/](http://refugeassociation.org/advocacy/refuge-issues/arctic/)). While completely ignoring and, in fact, violating the rights of and treaty obligations to the Gwich'in [Alaskan Native] people of the US and Canada, drilling proponents claim that lease sales will generate as much as \$1 billion in revenue over the next decade. Compared to the \$1 trillion-plus in tax cuts benefitting corporations and the extremely wealthy, such revenue, if realized, would not repay us for the destruction of our Arctic Refuge. Republican abuse of the budget process sacrifices one of the nation's most ecologically and culturally significant places for a paltry federal benefit.

Americans who care about our future should respond to this act of economic greed at the expense of our national heritage when they next enter the polling station.

Yours truly,

Dennis Specht

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