



Joint statement from Leila Kimbrell, RDC's executive director, and Rebecca Logan, CEO of the Alaska Support Industry Alliance, on the BLM's decision to close half of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska to resource development.

“The decision to close more than half of a designated petroleum reserve to petroleum development makes no sense. It didn't make sense in 2013 when this integrated activity plan was last used, and it certainly doesn't make sense now when the country is starved for oil and consumers are paying record prices at the pump. What our leaders in DC don't seem to understand, or worse, just disregard, is that their shortsighted, nonsensical policies have lasting impacts on real people, not just Alaskans, but all Americans. Alaska is home to massive oil and natural gas reserves that could help power our country for decades. It is grossly irresponsible to prioritize overseas oil and gas production where safety and environmental regulations are far less stringent than here in the U.S. Announcements like the recent one from the Bureau of Land Management make it clear the Biden Administration is pursuing an 'America last' energy policy. It's unnecessary, unfortunate, and American consumers will ultimately pay the price.”

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