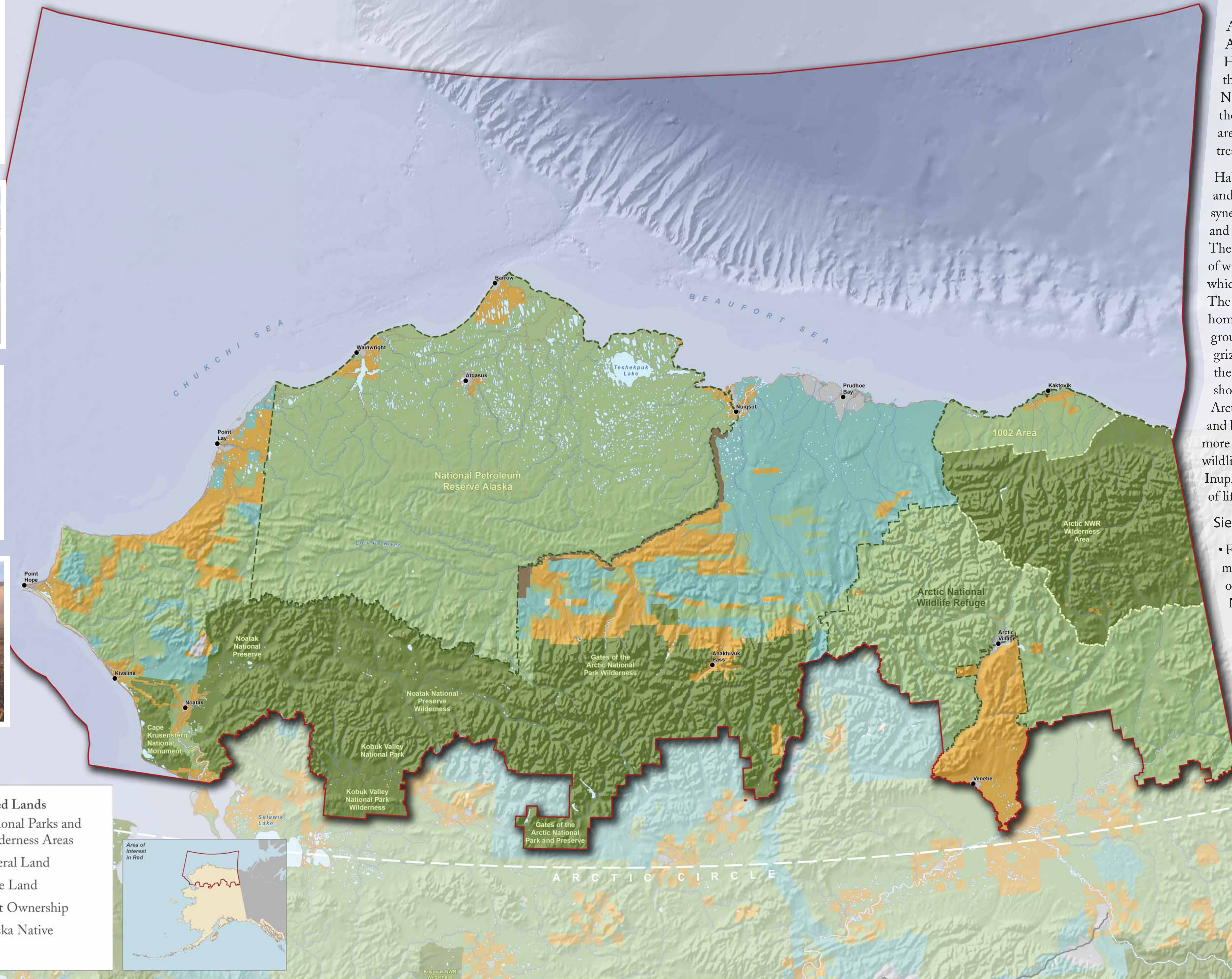




The Alaskan Arctic

Building Resilient Habitats in America's Far North



North of the Arctic Circle, beyond Alaska's Brooks Range mountains, lies America's Arctic--the final frontier in American conservation. From Point Hope on Alaska's far western edge, to the pristine coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the east, the land, and the seas that surround it, are our most endangered national treasures.

Habitat loss and fragmentation, pollution, and other man-made threats act in synergy with climate change to put plants and animals at risk in this critical habitat. The best defense is to protect large areas of wildlands and surrounding buffer areas which are linked by protected corridors. The wildlands in America's Arctic are home to polar bears, critical calving grounds and core migration routes, key grizzly bear and wolverine habitat, and the most important waterfowl and shorebird habitat in North America. The Arctic waters are home to walrus, bowhead and beluga whales. The Arctic is home to more than just rich scenery and stunning wildlife. For the indigenous Gwich'in and Inupiaq people, the region sustains a way of life.

Sierra Club's Goals in the Arctic

- Expand and protect wild areas and migration routes by securing protections of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Teshekpuk Lake, Utukok Uplands, Colville River, Kasegaluk Lagoon, Deese Inlet, Peard Bay, and the Delong Mountains.
- Reduce threats that undermine the Arctic's ability to weather changing conditions by halting fossil fuel and mineral development in the special places both on land and in the Arctic Seas.
- Ensure that Climate smart principles are incorporated into new resource management plans for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, as well as offshore in the Beaufort and Chuckchi Seas.

Alaskan Arctic Ecoregion	Protected Lands
Highways	National Parks and Wilderness Areas
Cities	Federal Land
Lakes	State Land
Major Rivers	Joint Ownership
	Alaska Native

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