Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is Not the Answer to High Gas Prices

Here are Just Five Short-Term Solutions that Can Provide More Oil than in the Refuge

Drilling in the Pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 680,000 barrels per day

Implementing Simple Short-Term Solutions

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- 2. Using the correct grade of gasoline
- 3. Ensuring that replacement tires are at least as fuel efficient as original vehicle tires
- 4. Using fuel efficient engine oil
- 5. Reduce heavy truck idling

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Short-Term Solutions

- Keep tires properly inflated. If motorists kept their tires properly inflated, total savings in 2013 could be as much as 200,000 barrels of oil per day.ⁱⁱ This would have the added benefits of longer tire life and improved safety.
- Use correct grade of gasoline. Most vehicles (about 80%) are engineered to use regular unleaded gasoline, but many people believe using a premium grade will improve their vehicle's performance. If all U.S. drivers bought the correct fuel octane, this could save 65,000 barrels of oil per day.
- Ensure that replacement tires are as at least as fuel efficient as original vehicle tires. This alone could save 270,000 barrels oil per day.
- Use fuel efficient engine oil. Selecting the proper grade of motor oil and using motor oils with additives that reduce friction may increase a vehicle's fuel economy by 1-2%.^v Widespread use of efficient motor oils could reduce fleetwide gasoline consumption by 1% in 2013, saving 100,000 barrels per day.vi
- **Reduce heavy duty truck idling**. Reducing truck idling at overnight truck stops by providing electrical hookups or fitting trucks with auxiliary power units could save 50,000 barrels of oil per dav. vii

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