

You can call 800-478-ANWR

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Donald Hodel, the secretary of the Department of Interior, will answer questions from Alaskans concerning the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge on Aug. 17, during a phone-in talk show hosted by the Alaska Public Radio Network.

The number for callers in Anchorage is 563-7733, and the number

for other Alaskans is 800-478-ANWR.

APRN's Executive Producer Corey Flintoff will host the one-hour show, and Alascom Inc. will foot the bill.

The talk show will begin at 11 a.m. It is an attempt by the secretary to find out Alaskans' concerns about ANWR and to answer questions on the issue.

Anyone with questions are directed

to call APRN before or during the show. Callers will be asked to give their name, phone number and location, and the radio station will call them back during the show.

"It's an attempt to eliminate pranksters," Steve Heimel of APRN said. "It will also allow us to get geographic diversity."

The station expects to be able to answer about 20 calls.