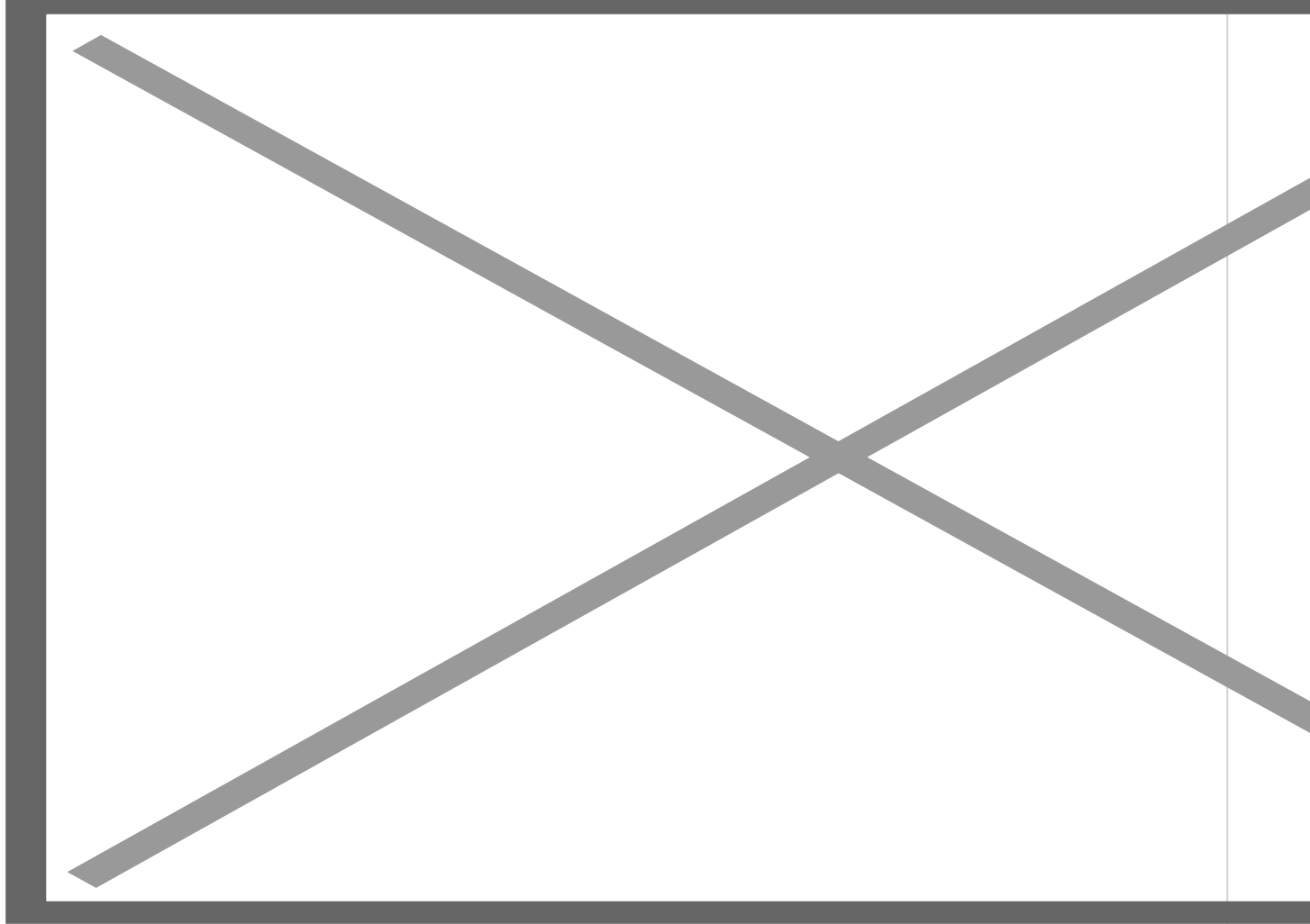


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Juneau, August 19 (RHC)-- In a victory for Indigenous rights and the environment, a U.S. federal judge has blocked construction permits for a massive oil and gas project in northern Alaska known as the "Willow Master Project."

Environmental and Indigenous groups sued the U.S. government to stop the multibillion-dollar deal with ConocoPhillips, which was approved last year by the Trump administration and backed by Biden's Interior Department.

Groups argued the project, which was set to produce more than 100,000 barrels of oil a day for the next 30 years, would disrupt fragile wildlife and contribute to the climate crisis.

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