

Teigsskógur and the breiðafjörður nature reserve

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Teigsskógur area



- Scenic coastline, sea and islands within larger nature reserve (Breiðafjörður) since 1995
- Natural birch forest on the registry for nature protection areas
- Two fjords of great natural value
- Littoral zone very important for arctic migrants

Teigsskógur area

Brent goose



Teigsskógur area

Red knot



Teigsskógur area

Ruddy turnstone



Teigskógur debate for the new road

- Ongoing since 2003
- Road building suggestion was rejected by the Environmental Agency of Iceland and the National Planning Agency in early stage

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- All national environment protection societies have protested the planned road
- In 2007 and 2008 the road was rejected in two court cases for the Icelandic District Court and the Supreme court of Iceland

Teigskógur debate for the new road

- In recent years, the Icelandic road company has revived the plan
- The road company is backed by government agencies
- Permit was given for the construction recently although the debate about it has not started

Alternatives

- Two possible future roads have been suggested with much less environmental damage
- One road involves tunnels
 - Shortens the Westfjords road by 9 kilometers
- Other road involves a high bridge
 - Benefits the local village

We would like the Bern convention to
open a case file before it is too late to
save one of the natural wonders of
Europe