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Subject: Willow Project Draft Supplemental EIS commenting period and Meetings in Nuiqsut

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for your email on May 31,2022, which states,

BLM is currently finishing the final edits to the Draft Supplemental EIS and we hope to publish that on June 24, 2022. We are currently planning a 45-day public comment period, during which we will hold three virtual public meetings and in person meetings in Nuiqsut and Utqiagvik. This is a preliminary schedule and is still subject to change. We will keep you all posted as we get closer to publication with the final meeting dates, length of the public comment period and instructions on how to submit comments. Thank you all for your engagement on the Willow project.

Unfortunately, this proposed schedule will directly conflict with the community's subsistence harvesting schedule and preparation for the Cross Island whaling; Therefore, on behalf of the Native Village of Nuiqsut as one of the Cooperating Agencies in this matter, we would like to respectfully request that this schedule to be modified to allow the comment period be through September 30th, 2022 and the community meetings closer to the end of the comment period. (This will allow for more time for the development of more meaningful compensatory mitigation measures.)

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