Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS

THE PROJECT

The Bureau of Land Management is engaging communities across Alaska in person to gather relevant comments, concerns and/or issues pertaining to the development of the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will serve to inform the BLM's implementation of the Tax Act, including the requirement to hold not fewer than two lease sales area-wide. It may also inform post-lease activities, including seismic and drilling exploration, development, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain. Specifically, the EIS will consider and analyze the potential environmental impacts of various leasing alternatives, including the areas to offer for sale, and the terms and conditions (i.e., lease stipulations and best management practices) to be applied to leases and associated oil and gas activities to properly balance oil and gas development with existing uses and conservation of surface resources, and to limit the footprint of production and support facilities on Federal lands to no more than 2,000 surface acres. The area comprising the Coastal Plain includes approximately 1.6 million acres within the approximately 19.3 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

SCOPING COMMENTS

The scoping period provides an opportunity for people who could be affected by the proposed action to express their views and concerns, and to offer suggestions. The most effective comments include specific details regarding issues or concerns and provide rationale for the concern or suggestion. Ideas for effective scoping comments include:

- <u>What</u> are your specific concerns about a resource and <u>why</u>?
- Do you know of any geographic areas of concern for a specific resource and <u>why</u>?
- Do you have any ideas for alternatives to analyze?
- Give us ideas for mitigation measures or new technologies to consider in an alternative.
- Let us know about important information available in your community.

HOW TO COMMENT

There are several ways to submit a comment on the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS:

- Speak your comment at today's public meeting
- Submit your comment via comment form at the public meeting or to the address below
- Submit your comment via webform: https://goo.gl/HVo5Mj
- E-mail your comment to: blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov
- Mail your comment to:

Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS 222 West 7th Avenue, #13 Anchorage, Alaska 99513 U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

