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**[EXTERNAL] Comment re scoping Issues re Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program in ANWR**1 message

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To: "blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov" &lt;blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov&gt;

To Nicole Hayes, Project Coordinator, or to Whom It May Concern at the BLM Alaska State Office:

I am writing with grave concerns about oil and gas leasing in ANWR. Please reduce or eliminate the leasing program in ANWR altogether. The ecosystem of these lands is too fragile to accommodate oil and gas extraction. The impact of this kind of development will endanger wildlife and destroy habitat. ANWR should remain exactly what it has been and retain its purpose: to be a safe refuge for wildlife. I have both toured and backpacked in Alaska, and I have tremendous appreciation for the wilderness values of ANWR.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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