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[EXTERNAL] no drilling in ANWR

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To: "blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov" <blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov>

Dear BLM,

On behalf of Conservation Northwest and its 10,000 members and supporters, mostly in the State of Washington, I write in comment for the scoping process for the Oil and Gas Leasing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain. We oppose drilling or other forms of mineral exploration in the Refuge.

The United State has few areas large and wild enough to sustain all their natural biodiversity and ecological processes. The Arctic Plain is one such area, and it must remain so. The abundance of wildlife there in a setting apart from the imprint of industry is invaluable. Moreover, that ecosystem is already experiencing the stress of a climate changing far more rapidly than at lower latitudes. Exploration for and extraction of fossil fuels would further reduce the resiliency of this pristine area, perversely, any fossil fuel thus obtained would accelerate the cycle by further increasing atmospheric carbon.

I urge you to not open the Arctic Plain to such leasing and activity.

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