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[EXTERNAL] Arctic Refuge EIS

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Dear BLM,

Thank you for taking the time to hear from the public on the scope of the EIS for the Arctic Refuge. I am opposed to any drilling in this area. It is an amazing wilderness that is home and provides essential resources to the Gwich'i'in and other Alaska Natives. I have listened to many of them share their history and love of this critical region, their voices should be listened to, and there is no question that oil drilling will adversely impact their way of life.

I am also deeply concerned with the sprawl of oil and gas development that will spread over the areas critical to caribou. The narrow coastal plain means that it will be difficult for caribou to avoid this sprawl.

The Fish and Wildlife Service recommended wilderness protection for the coastal plain in 2015.

Please be sure to use the best available scientific information and traditional and local knowledge to gain the baseline information needed for an adequate EIS. This region is just too important to rush into. Thank you for your time,

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