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**[EXTERNAL] Comment on EIS**

1 message

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Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 9:23 AM

Hello Ms. Hayes,

Thank you for accepting my comment on the Coastal Plain project EIS.

I am opposed to opening 1.6 million acres of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration. I urge you to give a hard look to the vast, negative ecological and cultural impacts that will be created by this project should it go forward.

The feelings of the local indigenous people must be considered as much as much as the science when making this decision. Please heed their voice. These are their lands, and they have been successfully subsisting in the Arctic for thousands of years. These people are just as much a part of the land as the wildlife that call it home, and their subsistence resources will be threatened by this proposal.

Please also consider that this landscape holds vast, pure fresh- and salt- watersheds. Oil and gas exploration will threaten these resources and have the potential to create impacts that cannot be reversed. These are resources for all of humanity - all over the world. Please do not compromise them by drilling in the Arctic.

The full breadth of impacts of this proposal cannot be measured if it is to be expedited. This is not the time for a categorical exclusion or a FONSI! These impacts will be SIGNIFICANT and Alaskans and the American public deserve to have more time and public comment hearings to fully educate themselves on this issue. I urge you to extend the comment period and offer more opportunities for public education before you move forward with a proposal that will create irreversible impacts.

Sincerely,

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