



CoastalPlain\_EIS, BLM\_AK &lt;blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_eis@blm.gov&gt;

---

**[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge proposed oil and gas drilling**1 message

---

**Margie Gibson** <margieanngibson@mac.com>

Tue, Jun 19, 2018 at 9:09 AM

To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

In addition to evaluating the impacts to fish, wildlife, wilderness values and the Gwich'in by allowing drilling in the Arctic Refuge, the EIS needs to look at how fossil fuel development will effect all Alaskan communities and environments through climate change. This will include what warmer ocean temperatures will do to the marine environment, and how that effects coastal communities and the fishing industry. How much sea ice habitat will be lost for ice-dependent wildlife and what happens to subsistence users when sea ice is no longer a safe platform? Another consideration that needs to be evaluated is the protection sea ice offers communities from damage by storm waves. What will rising sea levels do to coastal communities? What is the increased fire danger from climate change?

All of these issues need to be evaluated in terms not just of proposed leasing in the Arctic Refuge, but administration policies nationwide in promoting fossil fuels.

Another aspect of the proposal that I would like to see considered in the EIS is the cost to taxpayers in lawyer fees to defend a mandated sale. Isn't this a subversion of the NEPA process?

I look forward to seeing your analyses of these issues.

Margie Ann Gibson  
24267 Seward Hwy  
Indian AK 99540