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[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plan EIS ANWR1 message

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Good Day,

Thank you for this opportunity.

During this scoping process, climate change is at center stage. As numerous federal agencies are overwhelmed with the effects of current climate change such as ICE, FEMA, DoD, EPA, the other agencies are preparing for more climate refugees. BLM will have a difficult job since the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is being used as a political football. The question is will this agency follow the science or the current political pressure to rush, lie and distort the reality.

While studying for Natural Resource Management, I had a Professor (thanks Harry) who discussed a centuries old idea of "the commons". By definition, the commons is the cultural and natural resources that are accessible to ALL folks. That is what ANWR is to millions and millions of people. The proposed oil development within ANWR will be our last tragedy of the commons. The impacts will be on the air, water, cultural traditions, subsistence lifestyle, most notably on caribou calving and migration, community mental health, extreme reduction for wilderness opportunities and the destruction of the intrinsic value of ANWR.

BLM needs to study the Artificial Intelligence (AI) impacts on employment, wages, traditional cultural, wildlife, wild-land, weather and people.

BLM also needs to extend the scoping period. Nobody does good work when it is rushed.

To conclude, I believe after BLM conducts a honest, scientific analysis, that your decision will go beyond "no action, no development". BLM will find that wilderness option to be the only real option for this "commons area".

Thank you.

Bernie Hoffman
Sent from my iPhone