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[EXTERNAL] Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain Comments

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I am commenting to express my displeasure about the proposed leasing of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge to oil and gas development.

I have been to Prudhoe Bay and I have spent extensive time on the Refuge's Coastal Plain. Prudhoe Bay's footprint is large enough and any infrastructure on the coastal plain would likely have a much larger impact. Seismic evidence suggests any coastal plain fossil hydrocarbons would not be in one big well (as in Prudhoe Bay), but are likely widely dispersed. Even if the actual footings only occupy the 2000 acres proposed, the overall spiderweb of pipelines, roads, temporary roads, etc will impact a much greater area.

This footprint, which will affect calving caribou and nesting birds is unacceptable to me and, most importantly, has repeated been deemed unacceptable by the Gwich'in People.

Thank you for taking the time to read these comments,

Haley Johnston