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[EXTERNAL] oil and gas drilling in ANWR

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Dear BLM,

I am writing you during this scoping period to voice my opposition to any drilling in ANWR. I am very concerned for many reasons as follows.

First and foremost, I am opposed because the Gwich'in people of the Northeast portion of Alaska (and of Western Canada) depend on the caribou for their lives, both spiritual and practical. The calving grounds must be protected to keep the caribou healthy and preserve the Gwich'in way of life.

Second, the oil and gas leasing threatens the purpose of the Arctic Refuge. The Arctic Refuge was set aside for "the purpose of preserving unique wildlife, wilderness, and recreational values". Oil and gas leasing will by the nature of such drilling oppose these purposes.

Third, we must keep oil and gas in the ground and find other ways of reducing our consumption that already exist. Our short-sightedness has led to problems with climate and water contamination etc.

Fourth, the inherent value of wilderness such as exists in the Arctic Refuge is important for generations to come of both the animals that reside there and of the people of the world. There is no monetary value that can be put on such a wilderness, as there are few left on earth.

I urge you to listen to the Gwich'in people of the Arctic Refuge region and do not go forth with oil and gas leasing.

Thank You for your time.

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