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**[EXTERNAL] ANWR Comments and Considerations**

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

Hello,

As a student at Conserve School in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, which is an environmentally focused high school, we learn about the importance of research and planning. It is briefly mentioned in this notice that there will be research done on environmental impacts but I just want to pressure the importance of that step in the process so it is not overlooked. Officials in this project should reference the Wilderness Act of 1964 and think about what the area is today, "an area of the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man." The area is untrammelled by humans but it is home to a diversity of other life, one example being caribou, which live in one of the largest herds in the world in the area of proposed fossil fuel extraction. Oil and natural gas is cheap and the world heavily depends on it but that doesn't mean we should be relying on it. Hopefully in the future there will be a transition to more renewable energy sources to combat the negative effects of fossil fuels like emissions and eutrophication. Using fossil fuels is not cheap in the long run because of expenses such as climate change adaptation or mitigation techniques or a procedure for when we deplete fossil fuel sources. I simply ask that you consider all key players in this situation, the main categories being the people, earth, and economy rather than the main focus on the economy like there is as of right now. Ask yourselves how will this affect the people living in the area? nation? world? How will it affect the earth and the living and nonliving things in it? How will the economy be affected in the long run and is it necessary?

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I would like to request that my comments be added to the written record.

-Erin Matula