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[EXTERNAL] Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program in ANWR1 message

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We are writing to advocate for a comprehensive EIS with respect to oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain. The Coastal Plain is already being impacted by climate change. The EIS should address how these proposed leases will further affect the Coastal Plain and what mitigation is necessary to reduce the effects of the proposed drilling in conjunction with climate change. The EIS needs to address how the proposed leases and subsequent exploration and seismic activity will affect the marine life, as well as the wildlife, who inhabit the Coastal Plain and nearby waters (a 50 mile radius). The EIS also should address the impact of a Deep Water Horizon and Valdez magnitude oil spills on the Coastal Plain and the potential impact on all mammals and marine mammals, who reside in or migrate through this area. If these types of spills cannot be mitigated, then the drilling and exploration activity should not be allowed. Oil and gas drilling and exploration and seismic activity pose a significant risk of destroying this beautiful and pristine wildlife area. Many Native Americans rely on the Coastal Plain and all of ANWR to preserve their way of life. Many species also rely on this land for their survival. The EIS should address how drilling, exploration and seismic activity on the Coastal Plain will impact not only the Coastal Plain but all of ANWR and the species who live there.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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