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**[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plains Oil and Gas Leasing**

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The Bureau of Land Management notice of intent to prepare an EIS for oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plains states it's purpose is "to identify the significant issues related to implementing an oil and gas leasing program within the Coastal Plain".

I'm sure there are many "significant issues", but the most prudent one is that Gwich'in people, who's ancestral land will be impacted by these leases, are directly opposing it.

<https://grist.org/article/at-the-edge-of-the-arctic-circle-oil-drilling-threatens-the-indigenous-gwichin/>

It does not matter what promises the federal government makes in regards to regulating oil and gas extraction. That institution has lost it's right to be believed by lying and going back on promises to indigenous people for hundreds of years.

As long as the indigenous people who's land and life are impacted are not being listened to - the "issues" of this plan will never be resolved.

-Margaret Chernoff