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**[EXTERNAL] coast plain comments**

1 message

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To: "blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov" &lt;blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov&gt;

Dear BLM,

I'm writing to comment of the proposed oil and gas leasing in the ANWR coastal plain. I oppose any development in the coastal plain. I am very concerned about its impact on caribou calving and migration. As a subsistence hunter in Alaska, I would not jeopardize my subsistence resources for any amount of income or development of resources. Our subsistence harvests are worth far more than any profit generated by the oil royalties we may get from this development.

I treasure my wilderness memories spent in ANWR. Its a one of a kind place where I know that there is no oil field on the other side of the Brooks Range or I'm not going to see the development when looking off the North slope. Even in Alaska this is a rarity. Oil development will bring with it so much more activity that will dramatically negatively impact the recreational value of ANWR. The whole rest of the arctic coast is open to development, can't one part be off limits? The price of oil is down and we Alaskans have been suffering from lack of revenue because of it. However, generations from now, the development will look short sighted as we will have lost our greatest resource left on this planet- wild places without human development.

I believe the Gwich'in people are being culturally robbed for short term economic gain by this development. The caribou and the calving grounds on the coastal plain are sacred to them. It's culturally insulting that the BLM is going to put a gas and oil patch in the middle of the cradle of their greatest subsistence and cultural resource.

I support a no action alternative to development or the smallest footprint alternative if development must occur.

I also support extending the comment period. Summer is a busy time for us Alaskans trying to make our living. By extending the period more Alaskans will be able to comment.

Thank you for accepting my comments. Please keep me up to date on any relevant information in the process.

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