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[EXTERNAL] EIS comment

1 message

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Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read this comment.

Please consider the long-term ecological ramifications of opening the coastal plain to oil drilling. This act will forever assist to unravel the ecological processes of the last great wilderness on the North American continent. The distinguishing ecological aspect of this area is the the unseen presence of humans. Natural processes -- large-scale ecological and evolutionary processes - continue here, free of the human intention to control or manipulate. Perhaps more than anywhere else on U.S. soil, this area is sufficiently large, intact, and protected to exemplify the statutory definition of wilderness: an area "where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man".

The preservation of this portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the cornerstone of conservation in this country. PLEASE DO NOT SUCCUMB to the pressure of oil industry to surrender what so many have worked so hard to protect and conserve.

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