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[EXTERNAL] ANWR Exploration and Drilling

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To: blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed coastal plain exploitation and drilling within ANWR. This is a wrongheaded plan and interferes with the mission of National Wildlife Refuges, which exist to preserve our pristine spaces for migratory birds. I remind you that the birds that use ANWR are passing through and resting at other NWRs in the lower 48 states and without the protections necessary to maintain breeding birds in ANWR, populations of the public's birds will further plummet. This is antithetical to Theodore Roosevelt's original realization that if we do not put these spaces aside in perpetuity, we are going to lose our wildlife. The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is as follows- The Mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

It's guiding principal are-

- We are public servants. We owe our employers, the American people, hard work, integrity, fairness, and a voice in the protection of their trust resources.
- Management, ranging from preservation to active manipulation of habitats and populations, is necessary to achieve Refuge System and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service missions.
- Wildlife-dependent uses involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, interpretation, and education, when compatible, are legitimate and appropriate uses of the Refuge System.
- Partnerships with those who want to help us meet our mission are welcome and indeed essential.
- Employees are our most valuable resource. They are respected and deserve an empowering, mentoring, and caring work environment.
- We respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of our neighbors.
- We are a science-based organization. We subscribe to the highest standards of scientific integrity and reflect this commitment in the design, delivery and evaluation of all our work.

Nowhere in the mission or guiding principles do I see that energy exploitation of resources is allowable.

Sincerely,

Celeste Morien