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[EXTERNAL] ANWR Comments Coastal Plain EIS

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Dear EIS Scoping Coordinator Hayes:

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and its coastal plain are currently faced with totally compromising threats from speculators pursuing harmful and potentially dangerous oil production development. It is unnecessary to restate the many highly valued qualities that have justified the establishment of over 560 national wild life refuges since 1903. ANWR was specifically established in 1960 to protect local and migratory animals and birds. Indigenous people benefit. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 included ANWR. The supportive Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 will also be compromised by this reckless effort that violates long established national public policy.

Scoping of the coastal plain does not stand alone and must consider ANWR as a whole, with overlapping impacts on the adjacent wilderness area protected by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the National Wilderness Protection System that it established. Wilderness is defined to be:

“A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.”

Great harm can also result elsewhere in less isolated national parks and refuges from the compromising precedent that will be established if ANWR is developed

It is important for all to grasp the fully functional extent of oil development on ANWR. An overview includes: roads, drilling sites, storage tanks, pipelines, inevitable spills, administrative and operating support spaces, lodging, air and surface traffic, high volume noise, et al. Compromise of this magnitude can only be justified by need at the level of a national crisis, which does not exist. Oil and gas production is now over-developed and economically unstable.

The most significant scientifically acknowledged crisis related to oil production on ANWR is climate change. Additional oil production, especially in the Arctic, will simply amplify the dangerous trend that is irreversible in the near term. It is irresponsible to enhance climate change. No need, only greed!

Fact and truth about harm to ANWR, the state of Alaska, and the nation must transcend foolish greed.

Sincerely,

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