



CoastalPlain_EIS, BLM_AK <blm_ak_coastalplain_eis@blm.gov>

[EXTERNAL] Arctic Refuge

1 message

Carol Bassett <bassett_carol@hotmail.com>

Sun, Jun 3, 2018 at 3:23 PM

To: "blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov" <blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express great dissatisfaction with the rushed leasing process aimed at auctioning many thousands of acres in the Arctic Refuge. Over six decades, Congress agreed in bipartisan ways to protect the area, but Lisa Murkowski was able to tack a provision onto the tax cut so that she could move it through with fewer votes.

This area is gorgeous and should be protected. Many animal species nest and breed there. If oil and gas drilling is allowed, those habitats will most probably be degraded in irreparable ways.

Our country does not need the oil at this time or in the foreseeable future. We have a surplus because of fracking. Senator Murkowski's claim that \$1 billion would go to Treasury is erroneous.

Please respect the opinions of respected scientists and Native American communities who have asked that this area remain a protected place.

Thank you.

Carol Bassett

Sent from my iPad