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[EXTERNAL] No oil and gas drilling in Arctic Refuge

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Tue, Jun 19, 2018 at 2:25 PM

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

To: Bureau of Land Management,

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Please, PLEASE do not destroy a precious natural refuge for a short term goal of getting more oil and gas. We must change direction and get our energy from renewable resources. Our planet needs leaders who see the importance of looking to the long-term health of the planet and all of us who live here.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge must be sustained and cherished.

Sincerely,

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