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[EXTERNAL] Comment: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas EIS1 message

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Dear BLM,

On the Alternatives on Scoping webpage (which I viewed 6-14-2018), I did not see the Alternative of "No Action." I

suggest that you include a "No Action" alternative.

Talk of mitigation and new technologies is missing the point because drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is not in the long-term interest of our nation, environmentally or economically. While drilling would bring monetary profits to oil/natural gas companies and their shareholders, the trickle-down of such profits to the average citizen is negligible. **In terms of environmental impact, drilling is the type of activity that (even if attempts were made at mitigation) would initiate long-term harm in a publicly-held refuge set up for the protection of wildlife habitat.**

Citizens, such as myself, a resident of the Lower 48 States, treasure the fact that our nation has wildlife refuges. In particular, we treasure this Arctic refuge even though we likely will never see it ourselves. **The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge has irreplaceable values that would be harmed by the introduction of oil/gas drilling.** ANWR has value as wildlife habitat, value as the location of ecosystems not common elsewhere in the USA, value as a place indigenous people can continue age-old hunting practices, and great worth as a place that offers spiritual value in its vast, relatively untrammelled nature. And, that place deserves more than the pillaging of a unique national wildlife refuge for short-term private profit in the name of tax cuts and job creation.

Sincerely,

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