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[EXTERNAL] Proposed Oil & Gas Development in the ANWR1 message

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Please address my issues and concerns in your EIS for the proposed oil and gas development within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I submit these as a U.S. citizen who has spent a career in natural resources management and who has grave concerns for the earth's deteriorating ecosystems.

1. What are the effects of this proposal on wildlife? Developing a National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas production cannot proceed if it causes harm to the wildlife supposedly offered protection in this Refuge. If one species must change its way of life to avoid the human intrusion, it would affect all other species directly or indirectly. All life in this fragile ecosystem is interrelated.
2. What are the effects of this proposal on global warming? We all know the burning of fossil fuels is causing our planet to warm. This proposal not only would expend large amounts of fuels to develop a drilling and hauling infrastructure, but also it would produce the exact substances whose combustion causes the harm. It is idiotic and ludicrous to march forward with these oil and gas development plans in the very region where global warming is causing the most obvious and rapid changes. Sea ice is melting before your eyes; permafrost is thawing; glaciers are melting; polar bears are dying; plankton is dying and disappearing from our oceans. How much more destruction will it take before someone in the government will take a stand and tell the truth about the causes? The causes are us! We have the ability as a species to stop our destructive ways, and disclosing the truth about the adverse effects of oil and gas development on this planet is one small step in the right direction. Standing up to tyrannical politicians is another.

As an owner of these public lands, I am completely against this proposal in every way, shape, or form. Land desecration by leasing to oil and gas companies in the name of profit is not what the lands in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge were set aside for. You must disclose the irreversible and irretrievable impacts on the human environment that would result from the proposed action, and you must take a stand to prevent it from happening. Damn the politicians. They are the ultimate destroyers. Let science and common sense be the guide for a change.

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