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[EXTERNAL] Comment: opposition to drilling in ANWR1 message

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To: blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov

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Dear Bureau of Land Management, Interior:

This email is in reference to the Interior Department's Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/04/20/2018-08302/notice-of-intent-to-prepare-an-environmental-impact-statement-for-the-coastal-plain-oil-and-gas>.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Leasing EIS for oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I am persuaded by the arguments set forth by former Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell that "there are no justifiable reasons that we must drill for oil in Alaska's last truly wild place, the Arctic Refuge." Her views were presented in *The Seattle Times* on June 1, 2018 and can be read here: <https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/sally-jewell-let-the-trump-administration-know-arctic-refuge-is-no-place-for-oil-and-gas-drilling/>.

I am most concerned about the potential impacts to wildlife from the proposed drilling. Jewell writes in her article:

"We know from experience that the web of roads, requisite infrastructure and inevitable spills would cause irrevocable damage to one of the most sensitive and pristine places on the planet. This isn't just my opinion: It's what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded in 2015 after a multiyear review that included more than a million public comments, including from scientists, biologists and Alaska Native communities."

Please register my opposition to drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Rice