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[EXTERNAL] I am NOT in support of drilling in ANWR

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

Good afternoon, Nicole Hayes,

It appears that no matter what people who wish to preserve contiguous wilderness landscapes say, our current administration (that I did not vote for) will move forward with drilling in ANWR. However, I feel I had better voice my perspective or forever hold my peace. I am the marketing manager at Alpacka Raft. From a business perspective, ANWR is the last remaining large "packrafting landscape" in the United States. There is no other place in our great country where adventurers can cross enormous swaths of land, over months at a time, without seeing any development. From a business perspective in the outdoor industry, drilling in ANWR is a travesty. Our biggest market is Alaska. People purchase our ultra-light rafts so they can cross all those blue lines on maps. They don't want to cross bridges on maps; they want to have an untainted wilderness experience that they can get nowhere else in America.

From a personal perspective, I like the idea of an area that is untainted by oil drilling, that allows for the uninhibited migration of caribou herds and polar bears, both of which I have read will likely be affected by oil rigs and development on the coast. As well, the native Gwich'in don't wish to have this drilling in their native lands. Can't we be decent human beings for once and honor the requests of the original inhabitants of this region? It seems not, with our unconscious president in power. Y'all at the BLM have the ability to stand up to this. Please do not allow drilling in the Refuge. Your children will be forever grateful, as will the outdoor industry, and people like me.

Thanks for considering.

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