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[EXTERNAL] Public Scoping Comment regarding Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS1 message

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I strongly oppose your efforts to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling and call on you to reverse course immediately. We can't let this pristine public land be destroyed just for the sake of fossil fuel industry profits.

For over 40 years I have been a river guide, and have guided hundreds of inner city children and teenagers down rivers throughout our country through Inner City Outings. Once a river is spoiled, you can't have it back. I don't trust the BLM to manage this leasing program. I have watched as the BLM has allowed off road vehicles to RUIN the land and water on the East Carson River, in California and Nevada. This is a place where for decades we took young people on their first wilderness excursions, back-country camping at a natural hotspring on the river. Now the BLM allows and promotes jeepers to drive back and forth through the East Carson River at that site, including having their jeeps break down in the river, leaking oil and toxins into the river. You ruined this beautiful place, and I should trust that you can protect the ANWR? No Way.

One of the last completely unspoiled wild places on earth, the Arctic Refuge is irreplaceable. It's home to most of America's denning sites for pregnant polar bears, the birthing ground for the Porcupine caribou herd, and vital to the culture and survival of the Gwich'in people.

Please protect our communities, our natural heritage, and our clean energy future. Halt your plans to hand over the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Big Oil.

Thank you.

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