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**[EXTERNAL] Scoping Comments - COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM EIS**1 message

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To: "blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov" &lt;blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov&gt;

Dear BLM,

As a concerned citizen, I write in response to the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska.

One of my fundamental values is to be a good steward of our planet. The Coastal Plain is an extremely delicate and unique ecosystem. It is pristine. The EIS must consider how drilling and the related activity to enable it, including all production and support facilities and transportation, impacts the land and ecosystems of the Coastal Plain and the adjacent wilderness area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

Oil and gas extraction continues our dependence on fossil fuels and further enables the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Any EIS must assess the climate impacts of both the extraction and eventual use of any oil and gas from the Coastal Plain.

Given the significance of the Coastal Plain to the Gwich'in people, who call the Coastal Plain "the sacred place where life begins," any EIS must examine the effect of drilling on the Gwich'in people and their way of life. Special attention should be given to the porcupine caribou that play an important role for the Gwich'in people and calve in the Coastal Plain where drilling might take place.

The EIS must examine the full range of impacts of drilling in the Coastal Plain on the ecosystem of the full ANWR, climate change, and the Gwich'in people. As a concerned citizen, I ask that oil and gas activities **not** be allowed on the Coastal Plain of the ANWR and that the Administration not permit any leasing.

Regards,

Susan Sullivan