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[EXTERNAL] Fw: outline of key talking points

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Dear BLM Guardians of our Federal lands:

1. The whole planet is aware of our treatment of Native Americans. If the porcupine caribou herd is disrupted and begins a slow decline, it would be a scaled down **replay of the 19th Century slaughter of the massive buffalo herds on which Natives were 90+% dependent. The 1002 area**, where the 200,000-odd caribou have their calving grounds, is the **MOST critical area** for their continued survival. From the vast expanse of their range, and the 19.6 million acre ANWR, the caribou **converge there to calve**, averting extinction for millenia since the end of the last Ice Age.
2. The polar regions of Earth, both South and North, are already in a long-term warming trend. Polar bears may well go extinct, or at best, mix with land bound Grizzly bears as the Arctic Ocean trends toward becoming ice-free. Not only will unique arctic lifeforms be threatened, so will millions of humans living in coastal regions of the World Ocean. Scientists are already measuring sea level rise faster than earlier projections. As the albedo effect worsens, yet more CO2 and methane will be released from tundras, taigas, swamp lands, and the Ocean itself. If we have not already passed it, Earth's atmosphere is **on track to a TIPPING POINT where there will be no more permanent ice caps**.
3. **Plastic pollution** is becoming more of a threat, with plastic garbage reaching even remote islands far from human populations. Plastics are derived of course, from natural gas and other petroleum products. We should not be adding to this waste stream (more a torrent than a 'stream') while still unable to address and rectify existing plastic pollution world wide.
4. The United States in recent years passed Saudi Arabia in oil production. Now only Russia produces more. Yet they are far more reliant on oil than we, to merely sustain their economy. Is there a political drive to catch and surpass them for mere national pride? At what cost?
5. In a parallel "competition," China is on track to challenge America as the No. 1 economic power. Yet they have four times our population. It is *only natural*, as their middle class grows, that in the long term they will catch and surpass us. Is there a hidden agenda in our political and economic elites, to prevent this? For **what reason** other than pride? The cost may well be eventual destruction of climate stability, with NO WINNERS.
6. China is already on track to beat us as **the More Green Industrial power. That is one rivalry where there can only be winners, and no losers!**
7. Americans as a whole, must dump the dualistic idea of "zero-sum games," where there are ONLY "winners" and "losers!" Many areas of endeavor are in fact **"win-win."**

Forcing through the intent of the dirtiest energy industry, simply strengthens the trend toward "lose-lose" instead.

Sincerely,

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