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**[EXTERNAL] Coastal and other areas near by oil drilling in the Artic**1 message

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To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

Hello,

Please consider the the importance of the Artic areas around the Gates of the Artic National Park and onto the coastal areas where the last unfettered migration route of any North American species , the caribo ,still is intact. The area is unique as a last haven of wilderness as a symbol that we, as a country, consider other aspects of life besides always drilling. There are other places ,rather than the Artic north ,to expand the vast drilling we , as a nation ,already does. KEEP IT IN THE GROUND and preserve the area as it is JUST BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO for future generations to marvel at and partake of.

My husband and I hiked along and boated within the Brooks Range and the experience was awesome. Leave the area for the animals and the lucky tourists that want to see it in it's natural state.

Thank your for the opportunity to comment, Diana Thayer

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