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**[EXTERNAL] ANWR EIS Comments**

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

Dear Alaska BLM,

I would like to submit my comments on the ANWR Oil and Gas Drilling EIS:

The environmental and cultural impact of opening the ANWR to petroleum exploration would be immense. Although some have claimed it could be done with minimal impact, the construction of roads, drill rigs, and other structures would irreversibly alter the landscape and seriously threaten the biodiversity of the area. Since the refuge currently has very little human impact, introducing any human activity would make a huge difference. Furthermore, spills and contamination are simply inevitable and could ruin the pristine environment. From a cultural standpoint, opening the ANWR to drilling would be a major blow to the U.S.'s commitment to natural areas and a huge loss to our society. The U.S. has prided itself in maintaining natural areas dating back to Teddy Roosevelt and opening one of the last truly wild parts of our country to oil drilling is simply inexcusable. Part of the draw and allure of the U.S. is our unparalleled wild places, and allowing drilling in the ANWR would diminish the U.S.'s standing as a country full of natural wonders.

Thank you for your time,  
Adam Tucker