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[EXTERNAL] RE: comment on Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

1 message

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Greetings,

I understand that the BLM is considering allowing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I am a resident of Washington State (Tacoma) and have traveled to Alaska multiple times for recreational purposes. I have never traveled to Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, but it has always been a place I would like to visit. What intrigues me about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is that it is pure wilderness, untrammelled by mankind. From the articles I have read and the photos I have seen, there is nothing else like it in Alaska, or anywhere else in the US, if not the entire planet. It is unique and it would be a shame to allow drilling in such a wild and raw location. I think the BLM should try to focus new drilling to locations that already have and allow drilling. I do not believe the oil resources have been completely extracted from these other locations, and until that occurs, it makes no sense to allow the oil industry to move into such a pristine landscape as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I would also ask the BLM to take in consideration the lost recreational revenue if it were to allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I know I for one would not be as interested in visiting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge if I knew there was drilling taking place. The recreational benefit of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will last for perpetuity, where as the oil extraction would only provide benefit in the short term. Thank you for your consideration.

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