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[EXTERNAL] MORE TIME, MORE SCOPING MEETINGS ARE NEEDED TO HEAR ALL1 message

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More time, at least another 60 Day Public Comment Period, and more scoping meetings are needed to hear all Americans, not just Alaskans. The coastal plain and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge are public lands that belong to all the American people.

Thirty people at the Fairbanks Scoping Meeting were denied to speak, and another meeting was also denied for them and others to make their comments. Many Alaskan natives were unable to attend the scoping meetings because the meetings are being scheduled during times they have to be away at fish camps and on hunting trips harvesting foods they need for survival during the winter. There should also be other meetings around the country so other Americans are able to comment.

Many more voices need to be heard. Everything must be done to protect the coastal plain in the Arctic Refuge so no harm is done, and no catastrophe ever happens that destroys and kills the life of this scared place.

We do not ever want to see another tragedy happen in the Arctic Refuge like the tragedy that happened in Prince William Sound on March 23, 1989.

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