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**[EXTERNAL] Notice of Intent: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing EIS within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**

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

Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 10:35 PM

Dear Ms. Hayes, Project Coordinator,

I oppose this leasing proposal of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil exploration, leasing, and development for multiple reasons.

1. **Wildlife Values:** This is an area of extreme biological values for wildlife: nesting migratory birds, calving caribou, larger predators, and a truly intact functioning ecosystem supporting this trophic food web, not of parallel in any other part of the planet.
2. **Wilderness Values:** This is America's most vast and remote wilderness and defiling it with development, is not morally consistent with the conservation values of this country, and diminishes the capacity for true wilderness experience for future generations of Americans.
3. **Climate Change:** More oil development, leads to more oil dependence in this country and world, changing the atmosphere and climates around the planet, leading to ecosystem disfunction, and greater peril to human and communities that depend the climate stability we have depended on in our development of our society. Rapid ecosystem change through climate change can be hugely detrimental to functioning natural systems, biotic and abiotic relationships, and lead to cascading effects resulting in impacts to ecosystems, and natural resources and systems valuable to humans and non-humans.
4. **Gwich'in Values/Justice:** This Alaska Native community is not supportive of the oil leasing on their traditional lands. Their way of subsistence life is threatened by this proposed leasing and development. These are lands supportive of their primary food resource, i.e., the Porcupine Caribou herd. This is sacred land to these native peoples of Arctic Alaska. These people's wishes for the ecosystem integrity that they depend on deserve to be respected.

For all these reasons I respectfully urge you to reject any oil and gas exploration, leasing, and development within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

Scott Wilbor

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