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[EXTERNAL] ANWR is to sensitive for O&G leasing and development1 message

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Dear BLM,

If an oil and gas leasing EIS is going to be pursued for leasing of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain, then the EIS should be thorough in full compliance with NEPA, ESA, and other legislation.

A full and honest analysis of human and environmental effects must be conducted. The coastal plain is an area of critical environmental concern, it is too fragile and sensitive to support oil and gas development. The coastal plain cannot sustain the web of roads, pipelines, and well pads. The inevitable spills will destroy the fragile tundra. Leasing is a step towards development, therefore development is reasonably foreseeable and must be addressed in the EIS. Polar bear denning; caribou calving and migration; Gwichin subsistence and culture; tourism (ANWR & Kaktovik); air quality and climate from construction, production and downstream emissions (resulting oil & gas burning; etc. will all be significantly adversely affected. These and all adverse effects must be addressed in the EIS.

A thorough and honest EIS will demonstrate that the ANWR coastal plain is too fragile to withstand oil and gas development. Please save the American tax payers lands, wildlife, time, and money, and cancel this EIS and Section 20001 of the Tax Cuts and Job Acts of 2017.

Sincerely,

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