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**[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS**1 message

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Hello,

It has come to my awareness that an EIS is being performed on oil and gas leasing in AK's Coastal Plain. I believe there are several points that have not been adequately addressed in the thinking behind those who would support such a thing. Please consider:

- This is the only part of Alaska's vast north slope that historically has been protected from development and it should stay that way.
- There are vast amounts of lands that are already slated for development that are still awaiting leases, such as in the National Petroleum Reserve adjacent to the refuge.
- The 1002 area is the birthing ground of the Porcupine caribou herd and is essential to the long-term health of this population. There is no science to show that the Porcupine herd will or can survive such intrusive development in such critical habitat.
- Inadequate consideration was given to the overwhelming public support for protection of this area as wilderness.
- This proposed leasing goes against the values for which the Arctic Refuge was set. Also, it does not follow the recommendations of the management plans for the Arctic Refuge.
- We don't need the oil. Alaska can't even currently sell the existing leases they have available outside of the refuge.
- This won't balance the budget but it will aggravate global warming.
- The amount of money made through visitation is worth more to the local economy than the proposed plans for leases. The leases will benefit the big corporations who are headquartered elsewhere - putting money in their pocket and not really benefitting the local community, but leaving them with any unintended consequences and a disruption of the tourist economy.
- I have never visited this area, and it is high on my list. I wish to visit it in it's pristine condition, not mixed with areas of commercial development. In fact, if this proposed lease development happens, I will no longer wish to go visit. I'll spend my money going to some sort of similar place across the sea in Russia or Canada.

Thank you for considering these points and coming up with a plan that makes sense - aka, no new leases!

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