

Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas
Leasing Program EIS
222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

**Re: Comments on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact
Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska**

Dear Ms. Hayes:

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain are an affront to the Gwich'in Nation's human rights and way of life. The Coastal Plain is vitally important to the Gwich'in People because of its importance as the birthing and nursing grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd. The Porcupine Caribou Herd has provided vital sustenance for the Gwich'in People for thousands of years. Oil and gas activities are a threat to the Gwich'in physical, spiritual, and cultural survival.

I am particularly concerned about the following areas and impacts that oil and gas activities would have on the Arctic Refuge:

I am concerned about these issues because:

- The caribou herds lives directly correspond to the Gwich'in Nation lives.
- This will continue to perpetuate the destruction of the environment
- This is a human rights issue.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

- The identity, nourishment, & cultural preservation is at risk of disappearing.
- Alaska is throwing the fastest out of the world, and we need to stop harming the very thing that provides for us.

Sincerely,


Signature

Printed Name:

E-mail:

Yatibaeq Evans
yatibaeq@gmail.com

Address: 2625 Talkeetna Ave

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks AK 99709

Phone:

(907) 479-0053

• This land was first inhabited by the Gwich'in Nation. Respect who they are as a people. Stop the colonization & destruction