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Attention: Coastal Plain Oil &
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TO: BLM

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SUBJ: Coastal Plain Oil & Gas Leasing
Program EIS.

Dear BLM:

I would like you to seriously consider the psychological impact of losing the precious wilderness in and around Area 1002. In these times of war and destruction of huge areas of our planet, we need to know that the most pristine wilderness in our country remains protected and free from development. This is the general public's wish. That is evidenced by the fact that Congress has defeated attempts by Alaska politicians to exploit 1002 Area for decades. Congress was representing the desires and needs of the country as a whole when they rejected earlier attempts to drill in ANWR.

It has only been through back door budgeting maneuvers that this oil & gas leasing came to fruition as promoted by Alaska's legislators.

The second issue you should very seriously consider is the scientific fact that oil and gas use is significantly contributing to global climate change and those changes are causing large, destructive weather events.

We need to put our money and intelligence into developing renewable energy sources. Every time we make more oil & gas available, we delay serious investment in transitioning to alternative energy sources. We simply cannot afford to continue this pattern.

I live in Alaska. The state budget is heavily dependent on oil revenues. We are hurting now because low oil prices are limiting state revenue. Adding more oil will not drive up prices. Alaska needs to get off oil dependence. Destroying our wilderness is not helping us grow tourism and alternative state revenues. More oil just enables us to be fiscally

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Irresponsible for many more years?
Alaska is now learning how to
survive without oil - or with less oil.
Please do not disrupt our programs.

Thank you for
considering my comments
Alison Carter