

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:

The ecosystem of the refuge is greatly fragile. The porcupine Caribou herd needs that stability to maintain their set path. I am also concerned for the supporters of oil and gas and their morals because the refuge is sacred land.

I am concerned about these issues because:

This is deeply meaningful to me because I believe in sacred lands and beliefs of Indigenous peoples. I myself am Gwich'in and this is very close to my heart and values.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

I fear the herd will change their route and the ^{Gwich'in} people will be deprived of their life sustenance. I also fear for the ecosystem as a whole as well because it's very fragile.

Sincerely,


Signature

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