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Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS

Public Scoping Comment Form

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Please submit your comments by **June 19, 2018** via one of the following methods:

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Via webform on the project website:

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Comments:

As much as you are concerned with what I have to say I honestly do not believe you care or are interested. The way the opening of the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge occurred by attachment to the tax relief bill. The short one day hearing, the rush to open up the 1002 area to leasing and oil drilling quite clearly shows me you are not interested in opinions. I have been against oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge ever since President Clinton's presidency. The reasons for opposition are all ones you have heard before just as your reasons for oil drilling. What I would like to add though is my personal experiences. I have been to Deadhorse and to the Arctic Refuge 4x. In short it is beautiful in the Arctic Refuge. Deadhorse is ugly with flares seen for miles. The coastal plain in the Arctic Refuge is more narrow 20 miles wide, than Prudhoe Bay. The Arctic Refuge is not just nothingness. I saw caribou, 2500 at one time, polar bear, over

grizzly bear, Arctic Fox, lots of birds that have migrated thousands of miles to nest. The coastal plain is part of an entire ecosystem encompassed by the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. There is an estimated 40,000 calves dropped in the coastal plain, polar bears stressed by climate change den here, birds from all over the world nest here. This is a REFUGE for a reason.

Don't destroy it by ~~the~~ oil drilling. Caribou are declining in the ~~Prudhoe~~ Prudhoe Bay area, and they will in the 1002 area. This area will become an ^{secured} industrial area, no longer a wilderness area that people are enjoying today. You will take away jobs of the wilderness trek companies.

~~Don't be crazy!~~

Don't drill in the Arctic Refuge