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June 11, 2018

Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Office
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**RE: COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM EIS SCOPING AND
COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

Ms. Hayes:

The Government of Yukon is aware of the intent for your agency to develop and issue an environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding the leasing of lands in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) Coastal Plain area. We plan to fully participate in the process, and will submit our comments on the scoping of the EIS in the coming weeks.

Yukon and Alaska have a long history of working together in the management of shared resources such as the Porcupine caribou herd through the International Porcupine Caribou Board and Agreement. We appreciate past practices and courtesies between our respective jurisdictions in volunteering information, and providing opportunities for residents and organizations in both countries to have input on proposed projects that have the potential for trans-boundary effects.

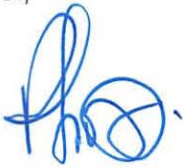
The Government of Yukon is also aware that public meetings on the EIS scoping exercise will be held in Alaska between May 22 and June 15, 2018. We request that the Bureau of Land Management schedule additional community meetings in Old Crow and Whitehorse, Yukon, as part of the review and engagement process. These meetings will afford an opportunity for affected Yukon residents to express their views on the EIS process, potential lease sales, and trans-boundary matters that should be considered. We understand that Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation has also requested a meeting in Old Crow.

Canadian authorities have previously engaged Alaskan residents and agencies in our environmental assessment process where Canadian projects may have or will have trans-boundary effects. The Government of Yukon and affected communities in Yukon would appreciate the Bureau of Land Management extending a similar opportunity through this EIS process.

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We acknowledge community meetings in Alaska are in progress and the timelines on the scoping exercise are limited, but would appreciate a timely response to this request in advance of the project moving into the drafting stage. If you have further comments or questions on this matter, please contact Joe MacGillivray, Deputy Minister of Environment at 1 (867) 667-5460.

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Pauline Frost,
Minister, Department of Environment

cc: Representative Don Young, United States House of Representatives
Senator Lisa Murkowski, United States Senate
Senator Dan Sullivan, United States Senate
Chief Bruce Charlie, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation