

Cherie Pickett
3127 Sage Lane
Port Townsend, WA 98368

BLN MCH 01 PCE
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 554
2018 JUN -7 AM 10:52
RECEIVED

RECEIVED

TACOMA WA 983
OLYMPIA WA
JUN 05 2018 PM 4:11



Karen Moritzen,
Atty Director
BLM-AK
222 W. 7th Ave #13

99513-752444
Purchased by 22573

3127 Sage Lane
Port Townsend, WA 98368

4 June 2018

Karen Mouritsen, Acting Director
Bureau of Land Management, Alaska
222 W 7th Avenue #13
Anchorage AK 99513

Dear Ms. Mouritsen:

Please accept my comments in opposition to the proposed lease and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

ANWR is eligible for Wilderness designation. That first should be considered in an EIS. This healthy, vibrant and complex ecosystem cannot be replaced, nor will it be restored once damaged through development.

Please fully explore and develop the "no action" alternative to oil exploration.

We are on the cusp of major innovation in alternative fuels; significant capital is invested in their development. The need for fossil fuel exploration lessens daily.

Global warming dictates we pursue alternatives to greenhouse gases. Let us not dart off on a foolish path--neither ecologically nor financially.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cherie Pickett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Cherie Pickett

BLM Alaska State Director

JUN 07 2018