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Saturday, June 16, 2018

Dear Sir:

This Coastal Plain EIS scoping letter is my official comment on the proposed action and supersedes comments prior to today's date 6-15-2018.

I write with great concern for the Alaska's Coastal Plain Wilderness and Wildlife

Refuge. Take no action. Do not prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I strongly oppose oil and gas drilling and the associated pipeline construction, permanent roads, storage buildings, landing strips and heliports, sewage treatment disposal facilities and garbage disposal methods and all other construction impacts and landscape disturbance needed to provide housing, food and water for people to live and work on a temporary and permanent long-term basis. Impacts include gas powered generators running twenty-four hours a day to provide electricity to power air compressors, lighting, communications, heating, computer electronics and machinery operated on a daily basis such as instrumentation and radio antenna placements.

Impact on the coastal plain environment would be highly significant.

All of the above would destroy our largest and most important wilderness area and the wildlife populations that have lived only there for thousands of years.

Please recognize there is no other place left for these beings to live in

nature any where anymore. And, Why? For what? Why are we even considering entering this wildlife preserve? To further enrich a billionaire oligarchy and an Alaska senator?

Do not do that. Do not prepare an environmental impact statement approving such an unforgivable, vicious abomination. It would be a death warrant for hundreds of thousands of sentient beings. Nothing less! Don't do it.

The 20 million acre coastal plain wildlife preserve is the one home of polar bears, brown bears, Dall sheep, musk oxen, wolves, caribou, Arctic fox and more than 200 bird species.

Please fully understand this fragile ecosystem would likely be fully compromised before the first drilling rig arrived if the EIS is approved.. This is because the oil industry would seismic survey or seismic blast every accessible acre by driving seismic survey vehicles in a crisscross pattern across the entire coastal plain. A seismic survey blasts sonic sound waves below the surface providing geologic clues where oil and gas deposits may lie - or not. Either way the entire preserve would be crisscrossed with vehicle tracks where none existed before.

Wildlife migration routes would be disrupted. Wildlife running for their lives in an effort to escape certain death. True or not that would be their perception when mankind appears.

Most senseless of all is realizing there is no point to any of it. Fossil fuels are being phased out despite Trump doing all he can to slow the inevitable. Even so every citizen can clearly see drilling for more oil is morally and logically the exact wrong thing to do.

Cancel the Coastal Plain EIS. The United States will soon be transitioning to renewable energy such as wind and solar. It is going to happen very soon. By happenstance today's NPR newscast reported twelve wildfires burning in Alaska. Drilling the Coastal Plain preserve only delays the cure. Don't make a very bad situation worse. Cancel

the Coastal Plain EIS and let the chips fall. Let the senator, Trump and the ruling oligarchy find something else to wreck. Let the polar bears, brown bears, Dall sheep, musk oxen, wolves, Arctic fox and birds live. Give them the chance to survive.

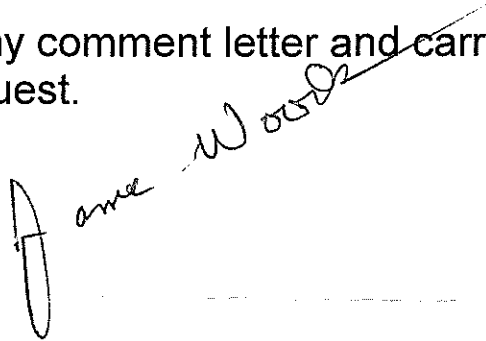
Thank you for reading my comment letter and carrying out my extremely important request.

Sincerely,

James Woods

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "James" and the last name "Woods" clearly legible. The signature is positioned diagonally across the page, starting from the middle of the "Sincerely," line and extending towards the right.