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To: BLM, Arctic Refuge comments

I urge you to develop and recommend a No-action alternative, and short of that request that you fully protect all the values of the coastal plain, especially the area's wildness. The wildness of the wildlife, especially caribou, and of the landscape is the primary value of the area. Wilderness was a purpose of the area, and still is. Also, the wilderness character of the nearby designated Wilderness must be protected. The EIS must acknowledge that oil development is incompatible with the purpose and values of the 1002 area. BLM must fully consider the effect on subsistence and how this is a human rights issue. It must analyze and describe the effect of the carbon that would be released to the atmosphere if development proceeds. It must describe the environmental justice aspects of the issue, for Alaska residents, and the global environmental justice aspects for the poor of many third world countries who will be most affected by climate change, which will be increased by oil development. If BLM leaders have a conscience, they should develop and support a "no-action" alternative. Keep it Wild!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas Watson