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**[EXTERNAL] Regarding the Coastal Plain and ANWR**1 message

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To: "blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov" &lt;blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov&gt;

Dear Secretary Zinke,

I have had the opportunity to travel to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge on several occasions. For anyone who has ever visited this place it is truly a place that needs protection. It is a fragile national treasure that should be permanently protected as it that will never be able to survive an onslaught of exploration and development. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the last ecologically intact wilderness ecosystems on earth and it needs to be protected for future generations. The Refuge is home to many of our country's polar bear denning sites, the Porcupine caribou herd's calving ground, and it is essential to the culture of the Gwich'in people.

I urge you to please protect our public land heritage and reverse your plans to sacrifice the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for unnecessary and short sighted fossil fuel development.

Thank you,

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