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[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain EIS

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Please see attached. If you are unable to open it (It's in MS Word), please let me know ASAP and I will resend in PDF.

Thank you,

Deborah Call

Citizen input for ANWR EIS.

**Arctic Refuge Letter to BLM 2018.docx**

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To Bureau of Land Management

Re: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS

222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13

Anchorage, Alaska 99513

In response to your announcement for public comment in assisting in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, we have listed the following concerns of relevant issues:

- Because of the ecologically sensitive area, all cuttings, mud and debris must be disposed of offsite, not into a pit. If this is deemed not at all possible, line with plastic all and any pits used for disposal of mud and any and all debris excavated at the drilling site.
- Build no roads to the research areas and proposed drilling sites, again due to ecologically sensitive natural resources. Transport all equipment, personnel, etc. to and from site via helicopter or barge with least disturbance to these landing/beaching sites.
- No presence of any kind during the caribou migration seasons and of breeding, calving and raising young they do in the Coastal Plain area. (normally Spring through Fall seasons)
- No presence of any kind during bird migrations, especially the Tundra Swan migration.
- Minimize to the highest possible way disturbance to beach and marine animals and all vegetation/flora disturbance.
- Do not disturb any animal habitats such as dens, nests, feeding areas, calving areas, breeding areas, haul-out areas for seals, marine waters and beaches. This includes over 200 migratory and resident bird species, 45 mammals, and 42 types of fish. Among the incredibly diverse populations of wildlife are free-roaming caribou, wolves, Arctic foxes, musk-oxen, wolverines, golden eagles, tundra swans, polar bears, black bears, and grizzly bears.
- Do not disturb or be present in any area of extreme sensitivity with growth of wildflowers and vegetation conducive for feed for all mammals and birds in the area, including marine environments.
- Respect the Inupiat Eskimo and Gwich'in Athabaskan cultures of the flora and fauna they need for their subsistence living.
- Use only equipment with very minimum exhaust, gas, oil and other pollutants.
- Minimize the number of days, hours and people to occupy a site for research.
- Take out all that you bring in, leaving no debris, litter, manmade objects, structures.

- Special designation areas-no admittance, research or human exposure of any kind allowed into these "special" status lands. (see below)

In addition to refuge status, the "special" status of lands within individual refuges may be recognized by additional designations, either legislatively or administratively. Special designation may also occur through the actions of other legitimate agencies or organizations. The influence that special designations may have on the management of refuge lands and waters may vary considerably.

- **Alternative to invading the Refuge:** Rich renewable energy resources found on our federal wildlands — like wind energy and solar energy — play a key role in powering our future. These clean energy sources help stop global warming and provide alternatives to fossil fuels.
- To the extent permitted by the geologic target, well spacing, and drilling, production, technology, the locations selected for well sites, tank batteries, pits, and compressor stations should be planned to *minimize* long-term disruption of the surface resources and existing uses, and to promote successful reclamation.
- Design and construction techniques and other practices that would minimize surface disturbance and the associated effects of proposed operations and maintain the reclamation potential of the site *must* be employed.

Thank you for seriously considering any and all of the above issues for your EIS as all forms of life/nature are of the utmost importance to us, all of life, the future and our irreplaceable Earth.

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