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[EXTERNAL] Scoping Request2 messages

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Attached is Circle's Request.

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Received, thank you!
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Re: Tribal request for extension of scoping comment period and additional scoping hearing locations for the EIS being prepared for BLM's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program.

Ms. Hayes:

The Native Village of CIRCLE Government, write to request the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) extend its scoping comment period initiated by Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska. 83 Fed. Reg. 17562 (Apr. 20, 2018). Presently, the comment period is set for 60 days, ending June 19, 2018. The Tribes request a 62-day extension ending August 20, 2018. The Tribe believes such an extension is critical to allow and their members adequate time to provide written and verbal comments on BLM's proposal while accommodating the subsistence hunting and fishing harvests; the first of which is already underway with the arrival of spring waterfowl.

In addition to requesting the 62 day comment period extension, our Tribe writes to request the additional location of CIRCLE be included in the scoping hearing schedule to ensure that our tribal members have the opportunity to effectively participate in the scoping comment period.

Finally we request a Government to Government meeting with the BLM / DOI as soon as possible to discuss our requests and concerns.

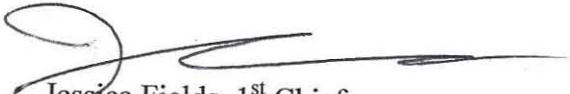
Thank you very much for your continued commitment to engaging with Tribes on a government-to-government basis. We look forward to receiving a response from you by June 1st as established at the Government to Government consultation in Arctic Village on May 23rd, 2018.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

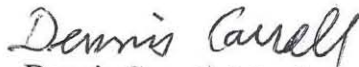
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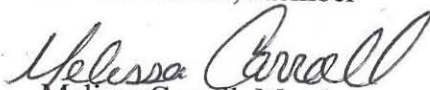


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