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[EXTERNAL] Comment: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS

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The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is such an ecologically important, sensitive, and fragile treasure, that oil and gas exploration and extraction within the refuge should be considered an inherently incompatible activity. The most basic tenet of the National Wildlife Refuge System is that "the wildlife comes first" before other activities. The most common competing activities usually include visitor access, hunting, fishing, and trapping. However, these activities, when properly managed, are relatively innocuous compared with oil and gas drilling, which should be totally incompatible with the intended purpose of our country's great refuge system. There is no way that oil and gas drilling can be conducted without having a severely harmful impact. Working in this harsh environment presents many challenges, and no matter how many precautions are taken, there will be spills. Please defend the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other refuges from such harmful, incompatible activities.

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