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[EXTERNAL] scoping comments on Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS1 message

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Hi Nicole,

I hope I am reaching the right person (and a receptive person). Obviously when this sort of review comes up, land managers are inundated with fiery comments you didn't know people who wear only hemp could say. I can respect that the decision to open up land to development is a challenging one. It is a balancing act between the welfare of the communities and the welfare of the natural world.

But I'm going to ask you, so so so kindly, to throw this proposal out the window. Opening up parts of the ANWR is a mistake *that we cannot unmake*. Once the seal is cracked, damage will be irrevocably etched onto one of the biggest wild spaces in the United States. Of course, I defend it as a recreationalist. The land holds immense value to me personally, for my own use. But I also defend it as a person concerned with the world we leave for our children and for ourselves. Please, consider the fact that once this land is opened up, *it will be damaged forever*. There are no more new continents and ranges to expand to. We do not have an inexhaustible supply of land, though in dealing with the ANWR it may seem like that. We exist in a closed system that we have the power to destroy, and in so doing, destroy ourselves.

Knowing the frontier of the Last Frontier is on the chopping block is immensely dismaying, as an environmentalist and as a citizen of this country. Please reconsider allowing resource extraction in this beautiful piece of Northern Alaska.

Thank you for your time and your public service.

Best,

Spencer Dillon