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[EXTERNAL] Scoping for DEIS on Artic National Refuge lease1 message

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Dear BLM Lead Agency Coordinator:

I wish to submit this scoping comment for the proposed lease EIS.

Having direct experience with the Exxon Valdez accident and other disasters, I would like the EIS to contain a thorough worst case accident scenario, to include:

1. damage to ecosystems,
2. wildlife,
3. native peoples, including psycho-social impact
4. fisherpeople, including psycho-social impact
5. tourism,
6. and the economic costs of lost ecosystem services,
7. cleanup and
8. recovery activities.
9. Furthermore, the scope should account fully for the damage to wilderness, including the loss of wild places important to a future that has few wild places remaining.
10. The issue of induced growth regarding a warming arctic and contributions to warming must be considered.
11. Finally, given climate action goals set by the whole world, the geopolitical, ecological and GHG impacts associated with oil extraction and consumption must be considered, regardless of what the current administration's stance is. Impacts are not political issues.

Please put me on a list of interested parties to receive updates.
Sincerely,

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