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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Oil and Gas Drilling Lease Sales - public comment

1 message

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Dear BLM,

Please find attached my comment letter on the BLM Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Oil and Gas drilling program.

Please also send me a confirmation of receipt of my letter.

Thank you
Susan Carlson**ANWR comment.docx**

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June 19, 2018

Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
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To whom it may concern,

I wish to offer my strong opposition to oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for the following reasons.

First, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Alaska is one of the last pristine and untouched wild landscapes on Earth. At 19.3 million acres, the vast refuge encompasses coastal lagoons, windswept alpine tundra, boreal forest and other varied habitat that is home to some of the most diverse and stunning populations of wildlife in the Arctic—including polar and grizzly bears, wolves, beluga and bowhead whales; more than 200 migratory and resident bird species; and the Porcupine Caribou Herd. Stretching from the peaks of the Brooks Range Mountains to the icy waters of the Arctic Ocean, the refuge's coastal plain contains the most important land denning habitat for polar bears along America's Arctic coast.

Second, right now, the oil and gas industry has a massive surplus of oil and gas leases and permits. Less than half of federal acreage under lease is currently producing. Last year, industry bid on just 7 percent of federal acreage offered for lease at auction — the lowest share ever over the past decade.

Third, the most promising oil plays are still in the Lower 48, primarily on state and private lands, where fracking has unlocked resources that have enabled us to cut our dependence on foreign oil. Any economist would tell you that adding to the glut of supply at this time just doesn't make good business sense.

I stand behind a nation which does not trade away our children's future.

Thank you for considering my request to oppose lease sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

Susan Carlson
Board President
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