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**[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**1 message

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To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

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To All Concerned,

There needs to be a NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE in the BLM EIS scoping alternatives for opening up the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development.. The comment period should be extended for this vastly important issue. I have guided in the Arctic Refuge for over 20 years and am totally dismayed that this wildlife refuge and the last vestige of an intact ecosystem can be taken from the public, the Gwitchin, the Caribou, the birds, the polar bears and handed over to private industrial interests. I attended the hearing in Fairbanks and found it deceitful that all the maps showed what is suggested to be a small footprint along the coast and did not show that to the west of the Arctic Refuge is Prudoe Bay, the largest industrial development in North America and to the west of that is the National Petroleum Reserve, going all the way across the north slope of Alaska. These 120 miles of protected coastal plain in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge are the biological heart of the arctic. They are vastly important to the Gwitchin, both in Alaska and Canada. The process needs to include them and using their spoken languages. We already know how important these birthing grounds are for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, that the coast plain in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge has the highest known denning area for polar bears in the South Beaufort Sea. This is a place where literally hundreds of species of birds from all over the world breed and nest and where climate change is ravaging the coast. In this time of climate change, which threatens all inhabitants of this planet, it is wrong to profit from plundering the planet. There is nothing that justifies this reckless proposal and I implore you to consider providing a NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

Thank you,

Nan Eagleson  
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