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## [EXTERNAL] Comments on 83 FR 17562 Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing

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I am submitting these comments (attached) to state my opposition to the proposed Oil and Gas development in the Arctic Refuge. I urge BLM to complete the analysis, and required by recent Tax law, and if all resources are fully and fairly evaluated against the proposed action, the No Action alternative should be the only viable option.

Please consider these comments and maintain the integrity of Arctic Refuge.

Thank you,

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## **Comments on Proposed Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program**

These comments address the Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska in reference to Document Citation: 83 FR 17562

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An overwhelming majority of the American people do not support the proposed oil exploration in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge (Climate Notes. 2017). Our nation is moving from hydrocarbon based energy toward more sustainable energy sources. Any proposed development in the Arctic is likely not cost effective. A thorough economic analysis should be included in the EIS, one that fairly assesses the comprehensive impacts of all resources and impacts (cultural, environmental, recreational, subsistence, future climate impacts, etc).

### **Cultural**

The proposed area of develop are important to many Native Alaska people, both spiritually and for subsistence/survival. The value of these lands are difficult to quantify, and should not be destroyed to allow for unsustainable resource extraction.

### **Environmental**

The 19 million acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the wildest places left on the planet. This wilderness supports the Porcupine caribou herd and, many Native Alaska people. The Arctic Refuge also protects more abundant and diverse wildlife than any other conservation area in the five nation circumpolar north, including rare musk oxen, threatened polar bears, and millions of migratory birds that nest or stage in the Refuge before traveling through every U.S. state and five continents. Roads, pipelines, gravel mines, airstrips and other facilities that would be developed to support exploration and development on the coastal plain would undermine the wilderness character of the Refuge, fragment habitat and displace wildlife. Millions of gallons of fresh water, needed to support drilling activities, could be drained from fragile Arctic rivers. And oil spills, which already occur on the North Slope, would harm fish and wildlife.

### **Climate**

The world climate is warming and we as a nation need to look to alternative sources of energy, shifting away from fossil fuels. Oil and Gas development in the region will be unsustainable and continue to further contribute to the planet's warming environment. BLM must consider not only the immediate impacts of such development, but also evaluate the long-term effects of such actions.

There should not be drilling or development in the Arctic Refuge. No Action is the only viable option for the resources and the nation.