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[EXTERNAL] Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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To: blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov

To BLM,

I Have lived in Alaska over 40 years. Have spent some time on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain during numerous summers. It is a unique place, unlike anywhere else in the world. It is important habitat for the whole Refuge. How can we as a nation despoil such an important natural area for a relatively small supply of oil that is unhealthy for people and the planet? I am opposed to opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.

The Porcupine Caribou Herd is shared with the U.S. and Canada and is an important food source for people of both nations. The coastal plain is the birthing ground and area the caribou use to get away from blood sucking bugs. Caribou do not thrive in oil fields. Studies have shown at least a quarter of a herd will balk at crossing roads. Cows and calves avoid oil fields. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain is only 10-40 miles wide and pregnant cows and cows with calves will have no where else to go if seismic activity and drilling are allowed in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Oil drilling will destroy and change the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge forever. You know Prudoe Bay will never be the same with its multiple yearly oil spills.

Please do not allow drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Show the United States can protect important habitat, wild and endangered animals, and help keep the earth healthy.

Sincerely,

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