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Dear Sir/Madam,

2/18/19

I'm writing to express my opposition to your organization's plan to open the 1.5 million-acre Coastal Plain of our Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil leasing & development. Oil drilling has no place in the Arctic Refuge!

Oil leasing & development would destroy the wild quality of both the Coastal Plain & adjacent designated Wilderness lands in the Arctic Refuge. The DEIS fails to truthfully explain what would be lost by opening the Arctic Refuge to oil leasing & development. The DEIS fails to describe how oil leasing & (over, please)



Development would destroy the Arctic Refuge's ecological integrity which has flourished since the beginning of time. It fails to fully assess the significant impacts oil leasing + development would have on caribou, especially when caribou are most vulnerable to disturbance - during critical times of calving + raising young. Such actions would cause caribou populations to decline, which would have significant ramifications over a vast area of Alaska + Canada, + these effects would persist beyond the estimated 130 years of exploitation. The DEIS fails to address this reality + its effects on indigenous people. It significantly underestimates the amount of carbon pollution that oil leasing + development would add to ~~at~~ the atmosphere, + fails to truthfully address the implications of exacerbating the climate crisis. Fresh water is relatively limited on the Refuge Coastal Plain, however the DEIS doesn't adequately assess the impacts that industry's water use would have on fish + wildlife. It also doesn't

thoroughly assess the cumulative effects of oil
leasing & development within the Refuge & with
the current & expanding development across the
North Slope & offshore in the Arctic region.
The DEIS fails to fulfill NEPA requirements
& therefore the BLM cannot authorize leasing.

I strongly oppose this horrifically
disastrous plan - especially when we already
have wind & solar energy.

I thank you for your time & kind
attention.

Love, please



Sincerely,
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