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I am concerned about these issues because: WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR CARIBOU HERD. OUR WAY OF LIFE, OUR FUTURE, IF THE DRILLING & EXPLORATION PROCEED. WE DON'T WANT OUR CARIBOU TO BE EXTINCT

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

LIKE THE BUFFALO HERD.

OIL COMPANIES KEEP OUT OF THE BIRTHING GROUNDS.

Sincerely,


Signature

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*Destroy the land, the water and
our Caribou Herd.*

I am concerned about these issues because:

*Impact our traditional way
of life*

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

our voices will not be heard.

Sincerely,

A Frost

Signature

Amanda Frost

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*I am concerned about the Calving
grounds of Porcupine Caribou, the damage that
development will cause.*

I am concerned about these issues because:

*This development will destroy the caribou and
our way of life.*

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

*Our voices will not be heard. They will
destroy our way of life.*

Sincerely,

Bertha Frost
Signature

BERTHA FROST
Printed Name

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Oed Crow-yr.*
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Thank you for coming malcolms and welcome
back Lorraine, I ~~feel~~ wanted to touch ~~bas~~-
let you know I feel humble and ^{hearing you speak} you
give us faith, I have hope. You, Lorraine are
so knowledgeable and just want from ^{our} ~~my~~
~~heart~~ community we thank you for all the
hard work.

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As per the environment statement submitted, I feel
the need to address the traditional values of many
impacted first nation including ~~the~~ Canadian
neighbors; Vuntut Gwitchin, Tetlin Tetlit Gwitchin
First Nation. Our Traditional values including the
Porcupine Caribou herd. They are our way of life, if
drilled in ANWR the population will decrease, we will
not see much caribou anymore and that can and will
impact our future generations ability to live on
our traditional lands. Teach how to hunt & be
able to survive. We depend on caribou for
everything; food, clothing, staying warm from
fox, it's like philipine person who needs rice.
If they don't have it or consume, ~~it~~ will
that person will feel sick
WE NEED TO PROTECT ANWR ANWR

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If these issues are not addressed I am worried that: our environment will decline and the oil will wreck all the surroundings. The caribou will feel disoriented and not live long / the population will significantly decline.

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed Name

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Brandy Hiza

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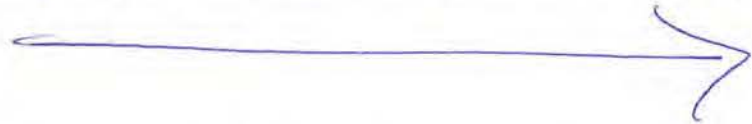
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I am particularly concerned about the following areas and impacts that oil and gas activities would have on the Arctic Refuge:

The Arctic Refuge is the habitat of the caribou, bears, and a lot of other animals. Can you believe you are trying to take that away, think about it and STOP!
I am concerned about these issues because:

See Back



If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

We will lose a lot of culture and traditions that are tied to these animals. ~~which~~

Sincerely,

Signature

Cheryl Charlie

Printed Name

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867 966 4625

The caribou (vadzaii) picked our community for us; Old Crow was selected because of the caribou migrating through this area. We followed the caribou and they keep us safe and alive as Gwich'in. ~~where~~ We are taught to respect vadzaii and that is our law, we do not exchange money for vadzaii.

Gwich'in will be forever be etched in the footprints of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, We are one.

Mahsi

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- environmental impacts
- Porcupine Caribou Herd decline to extinction forever
- climate change
- Water pollution & impacts

I am concerned about these issues because:

pollution, oil & gas exploration are irreversible. ANWR is a delicate & sacred place.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that: my children, and all future generations of this land, will not have any caribou to live a subsistence lifestyle. Food security is so important. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Charlie

Signature

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ANWR - Birthing grounds of all migratory
Birds/animals.

I am concerned about these issues because:

Caribou raise their young in a big
free environment. It is cooler climate during
birthing.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

that depletion may occur in the animals/
birds from diseases, etc.

Sincerely,


Signature

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The grounds are sacred as well as integral to the caribou herd for birthing.

I am concerned about these issues because:

The Gwich'in peoples use caribou as a main source of food, clothing, culture + livelihood. If the herd is negatively affected the people will lose ~~culture + the~~ an important part of their lives.
If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

Sincerely,



Signature

Emily E. Lacene
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I am concerned about these issues because:

*The Vuntut Gwich'in
people depend on the Caribou and it
must be protected for our children in the
future*

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

Sincerely,

Florence Netu
Signature

Florence Netu
Printed Name

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I am concerned about these issues because: *It will destroy the Caribou calving grounds, and the animals.*

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that: *our culture + heritage will disappear, and*

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed Name

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Old Crow Y.P. YARBINA*

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I am concerned about these issues because:

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I am concerned about these issues because:

If these issues are not properly addressed I am worried that:

dredging could lead to declines of the PCH

Sincerely,



Signature

JEREMY BRAHMA

Printed Name

Address:

Email:

Phone:

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Sincerely,



Signature



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I am concerned about these issues because:

If these issues are not properly addressed I am worried that:

Sincerely,



Signature



Printed Name

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I am particularly concerned about the following areas and impacts that oil and gas activities would have on the Arctic Refuge:

Spills / leaks

I am concerned about these issues because:

Destroy wildlife / environment

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

It won't be recovered again.

Sincerely,



Signature

Nathalie Charlie

Printed Name

Address:

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I am concerned about these issues because:

If these issues are not properly addressed I am worried that:

Sincerely,



Signature

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I am concerned about these issues because:

If these issues are not properly addressed I am worried that:

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Moser

Signature

MARY JANE MOSER

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Caribou – Vadzaih

Drin gwiinzii – Shoozrii Mary Jane Moses vahzii. Old Crow gwizhit ti'hch'uu.

Caribou is what I grew up on in my childhood days and it still a big part of my life today as an elder. Caribou is an important food source, it is part of my Gwich'in identity, culture, traditions and history. Caribou, vadzaih is what connects me to the land.

Our people from long time ago have followed the seasonal rounds of harvesting from the land. They harvested and gathered food and lived off of the land which sustained them. Our generation today, we still follow that same pattern. The land continues to feed us spiritually.

Living with the caribou is what keeps us strong as a nation. I'm very grateful that we are still able to eat caribou meat. Twice yearly and in between we get the opportunity to hunt and harvest caribou from the land. We are so fortunate that caribou migrate close to our community, for that we say Mahsi' choo to the Creator for the good traditional foods that the land provides for us to feed our families.

Most importantly when speaking about our one important food source the caribou is that we can't ever forget the teachings of our parents, grandparents and our ancestors of how they took care of the land so that the land in return would provide our food sources of caribou, moose, fish and good clean drinking water. It all comes full circle and we honor and respect all that the land provides. The traditional teachings keeps us focused and strong as Gwich'in people, we can't ever forget that. We need to really listen to the stories passed down from our elders, embedded in those stories are the deep rooted values of culture, language, traditions and heritage, this information has to keep passing down so that our great great grandchildren can benefit from what was had in the past up till today, that they'll have that food source in the future. We need to continue to speak as one voice, continue to be proud Gwich'in upholding our true ties to the

land and animals to find meaningful balance in the world where everything is equal.

Our life with the caribou and all of nature is shaped by the land and environment we live in, by the ecosystems, by climate changes we see happening at a fast rate all over the north. We have to adapt and conserve where and when necessary and take from the land and waters only what we need always conserving for future generations. The balance always has to be entered in.

It's good to be on the land, to be able to ground ourselves from a fast paced society. It's refreshing to be on the land, to be quiet by ourselves, it's a spiritual regeneration where we feel good inside, we eat good traditional foods, we de-stress and its such good medicine to be out in mother nature.

The land is one of our best teachers and healer. Mahsi' choo we are caribou people, we came from strong people, our ancestors who taught us the skill sets of the land. Mahsi' Choo to our ancestors who left us their legacy of being one with the land, respecting & sharing with all. Let's follow that trail they blazed for us, let's walk together, side by side, stronger united to speak strong for the survival of our unique way of life with the caribou, vadzaih for long into the future. Our young people need to step forward and take their place to continue the legacy of our ancestors, to always look out for our people, ensuring they have all the needed resources in front of them, to walk proud as a Gwich'in Nation.

Thank you to everyone involved with this vigil for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Mahsi' choo for the support from all Gwich'in across borders, we need to stand together with one strong united voice, advocating for our own well-being and that of the caribou.

Hai' Shaagwich'in kat. Gwiinzii adik'anootii.

mjmoses

Nov 30, 2018

Mary Jane Moses

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I am concerned about these issues because:

Protect the birthing grounds of the Porcupine
Caribou herd for future generations of Vuntut
Gwitchin

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

It will be lost forever.
It, ANWR needs permanent protection.

First Nation

Sincerely,

Mary J. Moses
Signature

Mary Jane Moses
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OIL & GAS - NO

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I am concerned about these issues because:

The damage is irreparable.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

The caribou herd will never be the same.

Sincerely,


Signature

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I am concerned about these issues because:

The Caribou is our food,

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

They will disappear,

Sincerely,

Peter Frost

Signature

Peter Frost

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*Destroy the land, destroy the water
and destroy our caribou.*

I am concerned about these issues because:

Impact our way way of life.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

Our voices will not be heard.

Sincerely,

Phillip Bruce
Signature

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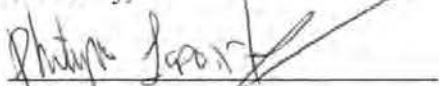
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I am concerned about these issues because: It would be detrimental to the caribou, and also the people who depend on them for sustenance.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that: our way of life will be destroyed.

Sincerely, P



Signature

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*They are going to destroy the Porcupine
Wilderness and Caribou herds of our
Caribou*

I am concerned about these issues because:

*Destroy the land, destroy water
and impact the Caribou*

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

This will impact our way of life.

Sincerely,

Ronald Benjamin

Signature

Ronald Benjamin

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Potential devastation to the calving grounds of the
Porcupine Caribou Herd.

I am concerned about these issues because: The porcupine caribou herd is the lifeblood and way of life of the Vuntut Gwitchin People. It is the history, heritage and culture of the VGN. Any threat to its sustainability is a threat to all life in this region.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

Without comprehensive, scientific analysis of the impacts of oil + gas exploration on the porcupine caribou herd, the sustainability of the Vuntut Gwitchin people and their land is at risk of destruction.

Sincerely,

R. Hewgill
Signature

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I am concerned about these issues because:

NO OIL & GAS

If these issues are not properly addressed I am worried that:

Sincerely,

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Signature

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Destruction of the culture of Gwich'in Nation.
Food security of Gwich'in Nation.
The Porcupine Caribou Calving Grounds.

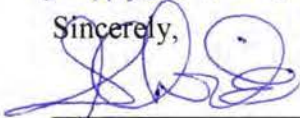
I am concerned about these issues because:

Gwich'in people have a spiritual relationship that spans millennia with the Caribou. In 2019 there is no need for cultural genocide, the caribou being forced out of the calving grounds.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

Food security for children and grandchildren, global warming impacts on future generations, the spiritual destruction of Gwich'in culture, tradition, language and spiritual connection to our inherent way of life.

Sincerely,



Signature

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It's hard to explain what a spiritual connection is to other people who cannot feel that.

Living here in Old Crow, this connection is natural and most of us don't feel it until we are away from our traditional territory for a while. If you are in the middle of the United States, you just need to have your feet touch the Earth to feel what happened on that land in history.

Food is sacred on Earth. See what it feels like, and not eat for one week. Tell me what your spirit is saying to you. We are working to ensure that our great-great-great-great grandchildren have food to eat, clean water to drink and clean air to breathe.

The Earth is under trauma from over use and extracting resources. On Earth we have enough oil to sustain us for a long time. We have access to renewable energy, solar and wind energy. Let's use this type and start saving the Earth for our children's, children's, children. If you cover your body in cellophane wrap and only leave one leg out. Look at what happens to the parts of your body that's covered and what is happening to the leg exposed. That is what is happening to the Earth, covered in concrete, waste water going into the rivers. When Food starts vanishing in the south, people are going to come here and forcefully take our food.

Think of this year with no caribou and know what your children will go through.

Sandra Charlie
Old Crow, YT

Statement transcribed from a community meeting on the Porcupine caribou herd and submitted with consent. Transcribed by Malkolm Boothroyd.

When we live in Old Crow, when we grow up in this lifestyle, and when we're children like Riley and Gavin and Chris, we all grow up with the natural spirituality that we have on this land. We don't know we have it because we never left yet. We never went out of Old Crow to live in the city in the middle of the United States, so we can't we don't know what we've got. But in a while in the early 2000s I used to go down to the states a lot to travel and the Gwich'in Nation has managed to keep no drilling in the Arctic Refuge for more than fifty years. And I tell that to people when I speak to them because I just came from working in Alberta, and when I talk to some of the First Nations there I let them know of the power of their people, because if you go in to Southern Canada there's so many influences from outside resources, companies, stores, that so much of their culture, their close-knit families gets lost in that process. So living in Old Crow we're really fortunate to still have some of that. It's hard to go to the middle of the United States and explain to people who grew up in San Francisco or Washington or Hawaii, well maybe not Hawaii, places in those large cities, it's hard to explain the spiritual connection that's inside our body that we carry every day when we walk on the earth. You can't tell that story to somebody. Living here in Old Crow, if you travel to San Francisco or South Dakota, and you just let your feet touch the earth, you're going to naturally feel what happened on that earth a hundred or so years ago. You can feel the earth, the agony, the crying, the wars, whatever happened there before. When you go to London, England, that's a totally different feeling over there. So, it's in us already as Gwich'in people and we carry it with us everywhere we go no matter where we live. It comes from all our ancestors on our walls, it comes from our grandparents before us, it comes from, like Darius said, when we're in the womb of our mothers. And it guides us when we pass from this earth to the next. And we're really doing that work to keep that for our children, even though they don't really know what it's about right now.

We talk a lot about food security and how sacred food is on earth. And if you don't understand food security try not eating for seven days. And see what that feels like. And think about your great great great great grandchildren and what they're going to go through if they don't have that food security. And how they're going to suffer. And then think about it the same for water. Think about how going without water for seven days and see how your body feels. See how strong you are. And see how weak you are. And relay that to on to your children because we do project a lot of our lifestyle right now onto our children born one hundred years from now. And that's the type of message we carry when we go to the United States. That's the only way they'll understand what we're trying to keep. It's hard to say it any other way. And if you look at how people treat the earth now, and you look at all the resources that are extracted from the earth, all

the pollution put into the rivers and the lakes, and all the stuff in the air that we don't even know about. And I always tell them in the cities, if you put Saran-wrap all over your whole body and you leave the bottom part of your leg out, and you watch your body over the next seven days, look at the part that's covered. Look at how it's breathing, look at how your body's changing, and look at the part of your leg that's left out. That's how the earth feels, because there's so much concrete covering it, production and all that type of stuff going on, extraction of everything.

When you go down to Washington DC and you go inside the Senate or the House, it's not buildings like this. They're massive buildings with marble floors and long hallways. And when you go into an office it's not a little office like VGFN, it's got oak and cabinets and it looks really rich like rich people live there. But all it takes is one disaster and all that means nothing. They wouldn't be able to live. They're going to be drinking out of that fountain in front of the White House with little water on that thing because they're not going to have water. And it's scary — it's not fun to travel all over the United States. You've got to wake up at four in the morning, you've got to get to the airport by six. If you miss a connection you've got to rebook the whole flight. Sometimes you don't have enough money and by the time you've been there for two weeks you're so hungry you can't wait to come back. It's not a fun trip, it's not a vacation, it's a hard-working tiring trip, and you get so exhausted. But we always keep in mind that we're doing this for the children, for a hundred years from now.

And we always keep in mind that our grandfathers, our grandmothers, our ancestors, the animals, they walk behind us, they guide us, they give us the words to speak to people, so we could touch their hearts, so we could influence their votes. And that's what it's all about. And if you really want to go one step further, think about this year. We never had no caribou meat, and we're all hungry. And think about the future, the children way in the future, and if they have no caribou meat, what are they going to eat? And that's basically what this is about. Mahsi cho.

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I am concerned about these issues because:

We Gwich'in people have survived, still survive and will survive ^{in the future} on caribou for food, clothing and tools. We are here today because of the Porcupine Herd and it is our responsibility

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that: to protect the land and animals
The Porcupine Caribou herd will not survive. They have been going to the coastal plain to calve for thousands of years, that is the refuge the caribou need to survive. We would be disrupting a precious ecosystem

Sincerely, that will trigger many
invaluable losses.


Signature

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I am concerned that the studies that have been done are not complete.

I am concerned about these issues because:

I don't think the voices of the people have been heard.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

The safety of the environment is concern. ~~2~~

Sincerely,



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I am very concerned about oil and gas activities would have on the arctic Refuge. Like it's gonna effect everything the animals and all living things - Plants even.

I am concerned about these issues because: I'm concerned bout these issues very like if I have kids some day or grandchildren like our they gonna be able to survive.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that: Our people gonna have really tough time living because if theres no caribou that's our life pretty much it's our main food every year we go hunting in the summer so get meat for the winter it's gonna be very hard for our people to survive.

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Signature

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Dear Ms. Hayes,

Re: Comments on the U.S. Governments environmental review process on the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain are an affront to the Gwich'in Nation's human rights and way of life. The Coastal Plain is vitally important to the Gwich'in because of its importance as the birthing and nursing grounds of the Porcupine Caribou herd. The Porcupine caribou herd has provided vital sustenance for the Gwich'in People for thousands of years. Oil and gas activities are a threat to the Gwich'in's physical, spiritual and cultural survival.

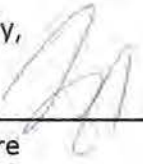
The U.S. Government is not adequately addressing the concerns that have been raised. The U.S. Government's rush to complete its environmental review process means that important environmental and human rights issues will be ignored.

I am particularly concerned about the following impacts that oil and gas activities in the Arctic Refuge would have:


I am concerned about these issues because:

If these issues are not properly addressed I am worried that:

Sincerely,



Signature



Printed Name

Address:

Email:

Phone: