

Ms. Nicole Hayes, Project Coordinator
Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

Individual Comment -

Dear Ms. Hayes,

I am writing to express my opposition to any and all oil and gas development on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. As the biological heart of the Refuge, the Coastal Plain is home to a wide diversity of species and an array of flora and fauna. It is highly sensitive, and is no place for drilling.

Specifically, I am concerned about the impacts that drilling will have on the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which relies on the Coastal Plain as its birthing and nursing grounds. I am also concerned about the impacts that further drilling and development will have in exacerbating climate change. The Arctic is already experiencing warming at twice the rate of the rest of the United States, and moving ahead with further development seems short sighted.

Public lands like the Arctic Refuge are important places for Americans and individuals from around the world to enjoy and explore, and these places should be protected for both current and future generations.

YOUR NAME

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "P. H. G.", written over a horizontal line.