

Catherine Somerton
1413 Oakhurst Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070

2019 JAN -8 PM 1:00

RECEIVED

Department of the Interior
Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
222 7th Avenue, Stop #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513



SACRAMENTO, CA 957

Postage paid by meter

Catherine Somerton
1413 Oakhurst Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070

2019 JAN -8 PM 1:00

RECEIVED

Department of the Interior
Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
222 7th Avenue, Stop #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513



SACRAMENTO, CA 957

957 744-2444

Department of the Interior
Attn: Coastal Plain Oil & Gas Leasing Program EIS
222 West 7th Ave, Stop #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

January 4, 2019

Re: The Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Environmental
Impact Statement -

I am strongly opposed to the Department of the Interior's plans to permit seismic exploration in the Arctic Refuge. I understand that this would potentially consist of dozens of 90,000-pound "thumper trucks" traversing the sensitive habitat emitting deafening vibrations into the ground in search of oil. These exploration trucks would be accompanied by hundreds of support vehicles, heavy machinery, and lodging supplies for crews of over 300. This exploration would interrupt and severely damage this pristine place that is home to all sorts of unique, vulnerable plants and animals, including denning Polar bears, calving caribou, and breeding migratory birds from all over North America. Thirty years ago, similar exploration took place near the Refuge, and scars have persisted on the landscape ever since. We should be focusing our attention on development of renewable forms of energy that do not have such a devastating impact on the environment!

Sincerely,

Catherine Zomarten

1413 Oakhurst Ave.

San Carlos, CA 94070