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2 February 2019

Dear Sirs/Madam,

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
prepared by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska  
Comment Period up to March 13th

This is my comment about the draft EIS prepared by BLM to implement an oil and gas leasing program within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain.

I am beyond dismayed.

I am writing to express my deep deep opposition to drilling within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

I know I'm not alone. Nearly two-thirds of all Americans are opposed to such drilling, and politicians - until now - have not aggressively supported intrusion into this area.

The BLM is drawing criticism because the EIS provides a totally inadequate and incomplete assessment of the impact of drilling in that area. The report apparently has failed to collect and analyze scientific data necessary to properly address the impacts of such drilling.

I will have to take that criticism on faith. I'm not a scientist. However, to open the entire 1.5 million acres to intrusive seismic exploration

without meaningfully assessing the impact of that, is a deliberate calculated rape of an area. The risks to our wildlife and to the Gwich'in Nation are very clear. The plan should be unacceptable. Also for the environment: the Arctic is warming twice as fast as the rest of the United States. Burning oil off in that part of the world would be comparable to putting another 776 million cars on the road.

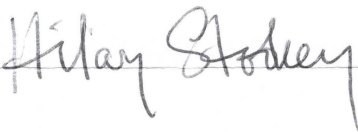
I am deeply troubled also by the lack of time for proper, indepth discussions with members of the public about it all - especially local Arctic communities.

The Arctic Refuge is one of America's last wild places. This is public land.

You deprive the public of their complete voice on the subject, and you are depriving the wildlife of representation too. The wildlife has no voice other than the public's.

I am confident however that you will be receiving enough comments to show you that there is a public voice outside of that area as well, and it is adamantly against your program up there.

With deep concern, but a confidence you will listen to our voices ~

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hilary Stookey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hilary" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Stookey".

Hilary Stookey