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Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Draft EIS

Comment Form

Please submit your comments by **March 13, 2019** via one of the following methods:

- **Via webform on the project website:**
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Program EIS
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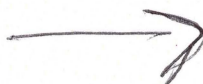
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Comments:

I'm here on behalf of the majority of Americans to oppose drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Though many Americans cannot physically be present at this comment period, poll after poll shows that the American people oppose drilling in the Arctic Refuge. ~~And Americans are many~~ And Americans ^{are many} people. They are the ~~the~~ Gwich'in and all Alaska Natives, who will lose their primary source of food, the ~~the~~ Porcupine caribou herd. This land is theirs, so sacred that they do not set foot on that land. Imagine suggesting to a Christian that you tear down their ~~the~~ church for oil? That's an overly simplified ^{description} of this catastrophic proposal. ~~And Americans~~ And Americans are all people in the lower 48, its territories and offshore states. ~~The~~ The coastal plain and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge are also their lands, just as the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore belong to all Americans. How would you react if oil rigs and heavy construction trucks shattered these symbols of our homeland? And while not humans, the ecosystem and all

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wildlife in the Arctic Refuge and coastal plains are Americans, too. Their lives over generations in the untouched sanctuary have shaped Alaska long before it was a state, and depending on the arcane of this decision making process, will be there long after we have left this world and our grandchildren and great grandchildren rule this nation. This is where polar bears den and become mothers, raising them in ~~this~~ this nursery beside new caribou mothers and their young, as well as ~~an~~ innumerable bird species. This proposal, ~~done~~ in a slipshod, non-scientific, industry-backed, fictional manner, would cause irreplaceable, irreversible damage that ~~it~~ ^{the DEIS} does not express or cover. Trucks would crush polar bear cubs in their dens. oil drilling would crack and shatter the earth, sending caribou and all species out of their ~~home~~ home. These effects would ripple through ~~all~~ our society. It will poison and displace the food and water of the Gwich'in and other Alaska Natives. ~~These would~~ ^{Like the} ~~type~~ exploits in the Lower 48, it would first destroy these tribes, then spread through climate change to destroy the rest of our nation, from sea level rise to catastrophic storms. ~~Nothing~~ Nothing good comes out of drilling in the Arctic Refuge, and Americans know that and are speaking that truth too. Instead of forcing down the desires and needs of the many for the fiscal greed of the couple — ^{even} not few — we should be dedicating our tax dollars to developing their ^{clean, renewable} energy our future Americans need.