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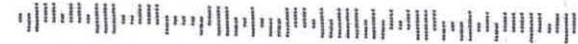
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Sunday, March 10, 2019

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Dear Sir:

This is my official comment letter pertaining to the Bureau of Land Managements proposed Oil and Gas Leasing Program Alaska Coastal Plain Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

As a stakeholder and long-time protector of ANWR I strongly oppose this public lands lease project and request the BLM immediately cancel any additional ongoing lease consideration.

The Alaskan territory was purchased from the Russian empire on March 30, 1867 and granted statehood January 3, 1969.

The territory was first described as a beautiful pristine wilderness teeming with wildlife. Not today, March 10, 2019.

Even now Alaskan Moose and Caribou are managed similar to feed-lot livestock for slaughter and human consumption. Predators that eat Caribou and Moose are routinely killed by hunters and Wildlife Services and could soon cease to exist entirely. Even so oil development will accelerate. Moose and Caribou cannot long survive in a polluted oil patch either.

Oil profits will flow and Lisa Murkowski would get her cut.

Leasing ANWR habitats to the oil industry is a cruel and hands-down criminal act. Don't do it. Coastal Plain migratory and endemic wildlife populations desperately need and 'must' have every square foot of the

1.5 million-acre 1867 Alaska home they evolved within. Not a fraction less.

Truthfully ANWR is the only intact suitable critical habitat remaining for Caribou migration and more than 200 bird species arriving from every state in the Union each year. Everyone, everywhere is harmed by the Coastal Plain DEIS in ways beyond imagination.

Arctic fox, Polar bears, snowy Owls, Musk-Oxen, Wolves, Dall Sheep and Wolverines, to name a few live in the Coastal Plain project area right now. Not for long after the oil industry takes over.

Do not issue a Record of Decision ROD approving oil development of ANWR prior to collecting and considering all best scientific information available - no matter how long it takes.

The Coastal Plain DEIS analysis is distressingly hapless at determining and naming obvious impacts on air quality, clean water and wildlife displacement. The outright extirpation from their centuries-long home and then failing to factor-in cumulative impacts on each of the above associated species groups as a whole over time. Virtually none will be able to live where they evolved. What does the BLM think will happen? Does the BLM think all can simply move and readily adjust to unfamiliar habitat likely already occupied by other wildlife?

I demand the BLM research the likely outcome and plainly and truthfully reveal and document the answer consistent with most recent best available scientific wildlife populations displacement research.

The Deciding Officer can not make an informed decision lacking this critical information.

Did the BLM conduct rigorous, truthful and comprehensive wildlife surveys for each species group employing best available scientific survey protocol? That is, was each survey for each species equally funded and fully carried out specifically for that specific species group regardless of a known monetary value placed on some and not for

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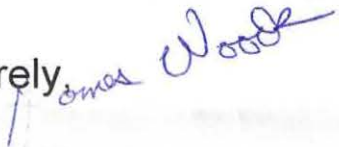
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The BLM and USDA Forest Service survey deer, elk, caribou and moose populations carefully due to the politics and known monetary value when state governments collect fees selling hunting licenses' and count business income related to service industry profit charging hunters for everything from motel room to gasoline. Predator species that kill and eat cash-cows species interrupt the cash-flow. Thus wildlife surveys for wolves and bears seldom occur. Limited funding for nuisance species ends up no more than as "best guess" personal impressions and conclusions substitute as factual on a regular basis.

I demand the BLM survey all predator species within the Coastal Plain analysis area over a three year period to accurately determine population numbers and trends for each predator species group. The BLM must collect and correctly verify actual population numbers using most recent scientific survey protocol before issuing three-year survey findings and data. The scientific information must be fully considered before deciding officer shall issuing a NEPA Record of Decision.

Thank you for reading this comment letter and carrying out the important procedural tasks outlined above. Cancel the Alaska .Coastal plain Oil and Gas Development

Sincerely,



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