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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I'm writing to your direct email because the online portal has had problems in recent days.

I vehemently oppose oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge. There is no safe or moral way to do the lease sales. The displacement and threats to polar bears is too dangerous as they're already struggling with the disappearance of ice. Of particular concern is denning females, which are inadequately addressed in the DEIS.

The harm to the wilderness values of the Arctic Refuge are enormous and impossible to reverse, going against the wilderness character resource described in USFWS' 2015 CCP.

The threats to caribou, people, birds and all wildlife are not adequately described in the DEIS. The document does not adequately address how seismic testing, drilling, road-building, pipelines and the inevitable spills will affect the Refuge's wildlife.

The subsistence needs of the region's people are not adequately described, including those of the Gwich'in people to the south of the Refuge.

The DEIS does not adequately describe the impact of lease sales on the climate. It is simply insane to drill for more oil and gas in northern Alaska as the region suffers rapid warming driven by fossil fuel.

The DEIS is inadequate. The lease sales will permanently harm the values and resources that the CCP and Refuge founding goals state should be protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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