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[EXTERNAL] Scoping Comments

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Dear Ms. Hayes

What can I say in these Scoping comments about a nation gone mad, about the inequalities of minority rule, about the undemocratic way the opening of the Coastal Plain was attached to a tax bill that could not be filibustered without any discussion of its merits when 70% of Americans want this great area left as it is. How can you understand the need for the destruction of this area; perhaps the greatest area in the world which should not be subject to the excesses of man? How does a person feel when the native people you met in Arctic Village in 1994 and when you, along with 7 others walked the Coastal Plain for 12 days, heard the hum of the Refuge, (yes, you can hear it!), saw thousands of caribou, wolves, ptarmigans and grizzly bears in this pristine environment? What's to happen to these things that are truly the most important for this area, the wildlife and the indigenous peoples who depend exclusively on their communion with nature? What will you write in the EIS (which is abhorrently being rushed through) about curtailing the possibility of wiping out an entire class of indigenous peoples off the face of the earth? What is more important to a nation than its people? Is gas and oil more important to this nation than the entire demise of an endangered people? These people will become extinct and will essentially die as race of people and great nation. Their soul will die in the hubris of this nation's excesses. What will you say in the EIS about how climate change will be exacerbated by development in the last great place on earth that is probably saving us, for now, from total climate change annihilation? What is to become of all the citizens of Alaska who depend on this area for their livelihoods of guiding treks in this area whether hiking or paddling? What true adventurer would want to go to the Coastal Plain for recreation if there is nothing left of its wildness, and how will that impact people's livelihoods from pilots to the selling of native crafts? Visitors are important to the local economy and spend a lot of money and it employs a lot of people. You can't have wildness within close proximity of oil rigs; and that's defined as up to thirty miles away. How will that impact the area knowing that wild recreation will be lost? Just hearing it and seeing it from miles away it is lost! How will you explain the cost effectiveness of drilling over people's livelihoods and way of life that would be hanging on by a thread. Is it worth destroying an indigenous nation's total culture and reason for being alive? You need to explain and justify these points in your EIS and thoroughly give your reasons for destroying a people's way of life.

I wish to be kept informed as this process continues.

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