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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:

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Comments:

Today I am writing my comments down, because I wasn't afforded the opportunity to give my testimony in my home town, Beaver AK. I am 21 years old, and I go to the University of Alaska Fairbanks, I am majoring in Criminal Justice. I have no experience with the ecological science of what will be affected on the 12 acres you guys claim will be the only affected area. However, I was raised in the village my entire life in a school with 10-15 kids. As you may know, these communities suffer from poverty, a variety of public safety issues such as assaults, rape, & Domestic violence. We have little to know access to counseling after these horrendous acts occur. So people try to deal with their personal traumas on their own, & that often leads to drugs & alcohol. However, our cultural practices are rich in healing and provide a sense of pride for us. It is a Healing practice to go out and hunt and finish with your family, →

It's for speaking
in front of crowd.

and to sew our traditional regalia. I try to be an advocate for the youth throughout the Yukon Flats, and the only message I try to spread is that I want families to be safe & healthy while living in the village. That's what this is all about, healthy communities and healthy kids. And that is why I don't support drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Please consider how this impacts our lives and our futures as Gwich'in people.