

Nicole Hayes,  
Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS  
222 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Stop #13  
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**Re: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain  
Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska**

Dear Ms. Hayes:

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain are an affront to the Gwich'in Nation's human rights and way of life. The Coastal Plain is vitally important to the Gwich'in People because of its importance as the sacred birthing and nursing grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd. The Porcupine Caribou Herd has provided vital sustenance for the Gwich'in People for thousands of years. Oil and gas activities are a threat to the Gwich'in's physical, spiritual, and cultural survival. The Bureau of Land Management's analysis of the impacts of oil and gas activities does not adequately consider the significant impacts to the Gwich'in.

I am particularly concerned about the following areas and impacts that oil and gas activities would have:

On the porcupine Calving grounds, Also  
home for migrating Birds.

I am concerned about these issues because:

It effects all people that depend  
on Caribou to survive.  
The Birds clean our land. Help to regrow  
our trees, flowers that provide us with food and oxygen  
Because the draft environmental impact statement does not sufficiently consider the  
impacts to caribou and the Gwich'in, I am worried that:

Sincerely,

Daphne Fields

Signature

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