

January 24, 2018

Bureau of Land Management
Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS
222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513 -7504

Dear BLM:

I support the 'No Action' alternative, which doesn't allow oil and gas development on the Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain. This is the only alternative that treats the Arctic Refuge as a Refuge, and not an oil field. It's the only choice for keeping our public lands legacy strong. BLM must consider the importance of the subsistence and conservation values that have been protected in the Arctic Refuge for decades.

There are so few areas of wilderness left in the world, & the value of true wilderness cannot have a price. It connects us to our roots, to our sense of wonder & survival & freedom. I have not yet been to the Refuge but I am planning a trip there. I've visited several other wild Alaska places since having the privilege to move here. These are truly balanced & unspoiled places that can teach us everything we need to know about resilience & kindness in the world. Please - protect this land. It is not ours to ruin.

Sincerely,



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