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David Jeffrey
PO Box 1029
Captiva, FL 33924

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I am an avid supporter of wildlife and wild places. I can't imagine why BLM wants to cooperate with the hasty effort to lease land and develop a pristine wilderness. So, I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas development in this wilderness area is not compatible with the original purposes of the refuge, and will severely impact wildlife and refuge habitat.

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12500 Park Potomac Ave
Potomac, MD 20854

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I'm a hunter, birder & angler who is against any oil & gas leasing & exploration on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Alaskan Coastal Plain is the most important shorebird breeding region in North America & the entire Western Hemisphere. It is probably the most important shorebird breeding region on earth. It is also among the most important waterfowl & songbird breeding areas in North America.

There is no other shorebird (& perhaps waterfowl & songbird) breeding area like it remaining.

Much of the Arctic Coastal Plain is already open for oil & gas development. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge needs to be permanently protected for the Pectoral Sandpipers, Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Stilt Sandpipers, American Golden Plover & Sanderling that have been breeding here for centuries.

If leasing of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge happens it will rank among mankind's worst environmental decisions, similar to the draining & destruction of the lower Mississippi Valley bottomland hardwoods, the marshes of the Florida Everglades & the Central California Valley wetlands, all which occurred at the end of the 19th century & early 20th century. It will definitely rank as the world's biggest 21st century environmental disaster.

This week N.O.A.A. & the World Meteorological Agency announced that the average global atmospheric carbon dioxide is now 412ppm, up from 409ppm in 2019. The last time global CO2 concentrations were this high about 12,000 years ago, sea levels were 130 feet higher than today! I am concerned about my children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren & how our stupid & careless actions are going to destroy God's wonderful, bountiful planet. We have to leave the world's undeveloped oil & gas reserves in the ground. The Paris Climate Accord says that to prevent a catastrophe we have to limit global temperature increase to below 1.5°C from 1880 levels. That means the nations of the world have to keep global CO2 levels to below 430ppm. Humanity is coming up close to this CO2 limit very fast.

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Barry Bennett
1 N School ave Apt 508
Fayetteville, AR 72701

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29940 CR 353E
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2133 NE MONTEREY AVE
Bend, OR 97701

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Do the right thing : Do not destroy that which can never be restored or replaced.

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8823 Michaux Lane
Richmond, VA 23229

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Felicia Kautz
18/0 Plantation Rd
Bishop, GA 30621

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I am very much opposed to any attempts to open the Arctic NWR to petroleum exploration or drilling. This was never the purpose of the refuge and has been rejected at every juncture for many, many years. This refuge was set aside as a refuge! Not as another location to produce oil, especially in a world and nation that is moving away from hydrocarbon energy generation.

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Herndon, VA 20170

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2306 Oregon Street
Berkeley, CA 94705

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1705 Gordon Dr
Naples, FL 34102

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So please halt the leasing process until scientific assessments ascertain the impact of development, and whether it will inflict long-lasting damage to the refuge and its purpose.

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Laura Nicol
4814 Evening Moon Ln
Katy, TX 77449

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1886 Sagewood Ct
Concord, CA 94521

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I am a long-standing opponent of drilling in ANWR. My activism dates back 20+ years. I do not oppose all exploration and drilling in other places. Indeed, there are numerous alternatives to putting at risk one of the last pristine wilderness areas we have under the American flag, and a wildlife refuge at that! Thus, I am writing to express my strong opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas development in this wilderness area is not compatible with the original purposes of the refuge, and will severely impact wildlife and refuge habitat. This proposition only came about when it got attached to a must-pass piece of tax legislation in 2017, and now there's a full court press on to beat Trump out the door. It was a mistake in 2017, and it's more of one now. It should not be memorialized into permanent rule making.

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Susan Miller
5708 JIM HOGG AVE
AUSTIN, TX 78756

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225 N 2nd St Apt 2B
Lafayette, IN 47901

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Sincerely,
Patricia Simpson
3993 Red Hill School Road
North Garden, VA 22959

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Sincerely,
Rosemary Roswell
PO Box 2352
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

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We need to protect our indigenous people and their way of life. Their populations are decreasing every year and I fear they will soon no longer be able to live as they have for centuries. We owe it to the original protectors of this land to continue to protect it.

I am a birder and am voicing my concern that oil and gas development will ravage the lands that many unique birds use as nesting sites. The destruction of their habitat affects their nesting sites and also affects the refuges where they migrate to. Our refuges are all interconnected, what we do in one refuge, affects many other refuges.

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50 Holstein Avenue
Londonderry, NH 03053

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3734 red hawk ct.
simi valley, CA 93063

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1410 Freemont St. S.
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Respectfully,

Paula Tanabe
7734 Acrocomia Dr.
Hanover, MD 21076

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I ask that your agency halt this process altogether or, at the very least, until further research can be completed. Once the delicate tundra, the water resources held within the refuge and the wildlife and people who depend on this unique landscape are compromised, irreparable damage will be done before even knowing the full measure of resources that will be lost.

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Sandra Noll
2293 Highway 1
Socorro, NM 87801

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PO Box 1222
Vernon, NJ 07462

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3425 Vista Grande Blvd
Carson City, NV 89705

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cynthia edwards
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As a PhD Candidate in Conservation Biology, I am appalled at the actions taken by this administration in general. It would be downright shameful for these leases to be pushed through in the final hour before this administration departs.

In short, NO, to oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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Rhianna Hohbein
1905 S Milledge Ave
Athens, GA 30605

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85 Livingston Street Apt 12 G
Brooklyn, NY 11201

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Ray Varney

3 John Adams Ct
Naples, ME 04055

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Michele Graves
915 N Hoff Ave
Tucson, AZ 85705

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Every year I watch the tundra swans that visit the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. These magnificent birds along with so many others rely upon the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to breed. Any disturbance has the potential to severely impact their ability to successfully nest and raise young.

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Karen Slote
4310 Beach Ridge Rd
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

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Tina Meegan
224 Severn Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Sincerely,
SJ van Rees
4220 SE 24th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202

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9367 SW Maplewood Dr
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Jill Turco
2428 Manton St.
Philadelphia, PA 19146

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1442 E Provost Lake Rd
Skandia, MI 49885

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It is crucial to protect our clean air and water, our precious natural lands and diversity of species. When we lose ground in our efforts at preservation, it is often very difficult or impossible to gain it back.

Drilling, transportation of heavy equipment, and moving flammable and toxic materials are too dangerous for sensitive natural areas. The whole point of having a refuge is to protect our natural resources, not exploit them.

Please work to preserve our environment. The profits gained by harvesting petroleum products is not worth the loss and damage it incurs.

Sincerely,
marni fylling-ellison

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520 adams street
hoboken, NJ 07030

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6 Hillside Rd Unit J
Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Paula Seraphim
11021 Nautilus Dr
Cooper City, FL 33026

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I ask that your agency halt this process. This land is not yours to lease away to for-profit companies. Indeed, it is in your care, currently, to protect.

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Rebecca Laboy
222 Mill Creek Road
Bayville, NJ 08721

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C. Jessie Christiansen
910 N BEVERAGE ST
SEQUIM, WA 98382

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing to oppose any lease sales in the coastal plain of the NPR-A. Although required by law, the sell does not have to occur prior to December 2021, therefore; further consideration on the impacts to fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats needs to be further evaluated. The Endangered Species Section 7 consultation requires that the BLM:

1. Continue to monitor threatened eiders, polar bears, and BLM special status species in the Arctic Refuge.
2. Work with the Service and other Federal and State agencies in implementing recovery actions identified in the Steller's and spectacled eider recovery plans and the Polar Bear Conservation Management Plan,
3. Conduct or fund surveys to determine densities and distribution of ringed and bearded seals on ice and in marine waters offshore of the Coastal Plain, and
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Prior to any lease sale being conducted, the information on the monitoring, survey and recovery actions that have been conducted or in process should be disclosed to the public. Access to results of any studies and real-time data where appropriate should be made available to the public via a website. Only after data that informs the public what possible impacts are anticipated from leasing coastal plain tracts and the public can provide input and comments on the data available should any lease sale be even considered. Piecemealing endangered species consultation on a tract by tract basis only serves to fragment habitat, fragment the analysis and does not elucidate long term and cumulative effects of oil and gas developmental on migration corridors, water quality, breeding habitat and cover for a variety of wildlife including polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), spectacled eider (*Somateria fischeri*), and the Alaska breeding Steller's eider (*Polysticta stelleri*). In addition, there is USFWS-designated Critical Habitat for the polar bear within the coastal plain. Other bird species that nest in the area, such as golden eagles, tundra swans, snow geese, yellow wagtails, migrate to the lower 48 states and are important to those ecosystems and to the birders that frequent refuges within their migratory corridors.

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their lives.

Sincerely,
Larisa Ford
3204 Mill Brook Drive
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78418

December 10, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

8 December 2020

Dear State Director,

I am writing to urge you to remove tracts #1-#32 from the call for nominations, issued November 17, for oil and gas leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Department for the Interior has not adequately studied the impacts of drilling on the very sensitive natural resources of the Arctic Refuge coastal plain or the devastating consequences drilling would have on the subsistence lifestyle of the Gwich'in people who have called the coastal plain home for generations.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a wildlife refuge for a reason. The Refuge contains sensitive habitat for threatened polar bears, a myriad of bird species, and the Porcupine caribou herd, which the Gwich'in people rely upon for their subsistence and culture.

The Arctic Refuge is one of our truly wild places. This lease sale must not go forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Henkin

15 Pipers Way
New Harbor, ME

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New Harbor, ME 04554

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Dear Director Padgett,

December 8, 2020

Dear State Director,

I am an environmental educator and I am profoundly opposed to the sale of leases for oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The science is clear - drilling for oil and gas, let alone using it to fuel our economy, creates greenhouse gases that increase the rate of climate change. The children I work with need a livable planet and continuing to use outdated technologies is not the way forward.

I am out in nature with children and I witness the incredible experiences children have when they are in an unspoiled environment. We do not have to open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling that will inevitably despoil the sensitive habitat that still exists there. We know now from experience that ecosystems are delicate and impacts to one part of the ecosystem can have unforeseen consequences that are devastating and difficult to repair.

For these reasons, I am urging you to halt the sale of leases for tracts #1-#32, identified in the call for nominations issued Nov. 17.

Thank you for your consideration,

Helena Bader

93 Otter Creek Rd
Bar Harbor, ME

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Sincerely,
Alicja Nichols
48600 Hiland Ranch Dr
Oakridge, OR 97463

December 02, 2020

RE: Reject any seismic exploration or oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Director Padgett,

I have been a volunteer in the National Wildlife Refuge System for 20 years. I have devoted countless hours and money supporting refuges across the country, including several that host birds from the Arctic NWR. I am writing to communicate my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development in the Arctic Refuge because this pristine wilderness should not be a place we despoil with fossil fuel development. There must be some places where development is off limits.

I am also concerned that the BLM has not honestly evaluated the impacts of development on wildlife, native peoples, and water resources at the refuge.

Stop this process so that adequate and professional research can be completed to determine the true impact of development, because only then can we make a responsible decision.

Sincerely,
Lisa Mayo
12602 Grey Eagle Ct 43
Germantown, MD 20874

December 03, 2020

RE: Reject any seismic exploration or oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing to express my opposition to any seismic exploration and any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The lands in the Refuge boundaries have been recognized for years to be important for the indigenous people and wildlife species. The Refuge is extremely important to migratory birds for habitat for nesting. Disruption of the nesting sites will have negative impact on bird populations in all of the refuges in the lower 48 states as well.

Disruption in the Refuge by trucks and plane traffic will have negative impact on the people and wildlife who depend on these lands. The responsibility of the U.S. governmental agencies entrusted with the protection of this Refuge is to uphold the original mission in establishing the Refuge. The name says it all in the definition of refuge-----shelter or protection from danger (Webster's).

Please listen to the scientist and concerned citizens and reject making a rushed decision to allow leases for the above until exhaustive research can be accomplished regarding the effects on the indigenous and wildlife populations. Please reject short term gains for long term catastrophic damage in the environment in this unique place.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Brandt
3936 W. 12th Street
Anacortes, WA 98221

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Putting big oil profits above the well being of the earth, especially the Arctic Refuge, which is already under attack from global warming, will come back to bite everyone. This is not something that we need, but something only certain people want.

Sincerely,
gary greenly
25409 golt farm lane
goldsboro, MD 21636

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I have never visited Alaska, but this is on our family's list of places to go. We have taken and plan trips for our children to explore all areas of the world. We all would like to visit the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge with its natural beauty intact. Teddy Roosevelt began the dedication to preserve wild areas for future generations. His legacy and quotes are all over Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park. These places offer us an opportunity to be somewhere untouched. Please do not allow destruction to be part of the Bureau of Land Management's legacy.

Please reject the scarring of the wildlands of Alaska.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Little
12827 Floral Ave
Apple Valley, MN 55124

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Barbara Howard
4915 Pamplona Ct
wimauma, FL 33598

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Sincerely,
Shirley Zylstra
205 1/2 Franklin St Apt B
Pella, IA 50219

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Sincerely,
Ellen Richardson
230 Severn Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401

December 11, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

Dear BLM State Director, Alaska State Office:

The Arctic Refuge is one the last true wilderness places on earth. Opening it up to any oil and gas exploration, leasing, or development would be a devastating loss to the to all the wildlife, who thrive in the Refuge's rich ecosystems and a violation of the Gwich'in Peoples basic human rights, to the American people - who's public land it is - and to the world. Please halt the oil and leasing process now!

All of the areas under consideration for leasing - every single tract - has sensitive habitat that would be threatened by exploration and drilling. The Gwich'in People rely on the Porcupine Caribou Herd for substance, and this herd and the People too would be threatened.

The current administration has ignored public concerns about threats to the Gwich'in People, the Refuge wildlife, the ecosystem, and our climate. It has rushed to sell off our public land, CHEAP, to big-oil \$ cronies. This "scorched-earth" process by the current administration process must be halted. I urge the BLM to remove tracts #1 - #32, identified in the call for nominations, from consideration for leasing. The potential devastation of the ecosystem, wildlife, and the culture are far too great to move forward not his rushed process!

It would be a travesty to destroy our public land - The magnificent Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. At the very least, the current process should be halted until thorough - year round - scientific assessments are completed, to ensure that the wildlife, ecosystem, and the Indigenous Peoples of this land are not negatively affected by development.

Thank you for your consideration in this critical matter.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Truman

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1205 N. Wisconsin Ave
Rice Lake, WI 54868

December 05, 2020

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Sincerely,
Jim Kotouc
1324 K Ave
Nevada, IA 50201

December 06, 2020

RE: Reject any seismic exploration or oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The construction of roads, drilling pads and oil storage facilities will destroy or greatly diminish of the value of the habitats that the Refuge protects for fish, wildlife, and plants.

I ask how will the disturbances from exploration be minimized or mitigated? If minimization and mitigation cannot be accomplished then the best course of action is avoidance.

Which in this case is halt the process until additional information can be collected that ensures the Refuge will not be irreparably be harmed.

It is not just this area that will be impacted by development but millions of birds that nest here migrate to the lower 48 states to spend the winter months. Any adverse impacts will affect bird species that are protected by international treaties.

Finally I am concerned that this proposal is being made at a time when oil supplies are high and prices are low. It seems logical that bids for these leases will also be low. These resources belong to all the people and if we truly need to develop them the the public should get maximum benefit.

I ask that you halt this process until enough scientific assessments can be done to ensure that the wildlife and peoples of this land are not negatively affected by development.

Sincerely,
Daryl Howell
1211 N B St
Indianola, IA 50125

December 07, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas development in this wilderness area is not compatible with the original purposes of the refuge, and will severely impact wildlife and refuge habitat.

A tremendous number of birds, animals, no to mention indigenous people would be severely and detrimentally impacted by seismic activity or oil and gas development. There are few places left in the world where it is still possible to find some semblance of nature that has not suffered the negative consequences of human action. This is one. Please leave it for future generation to benefit from and do not make just another place that has been ruined in the name of greed.

Sincerely,
Anne Porter
49607 State Route 124
Racine, OH 45771

December 11, 2020

**RE: Reject any seismic exploration or oil and gas development in the Arctic
National Wildlife Refuge**

Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. National Wildlife Refuges are special places, a place to visit, a place to ponder, but not a place to permanently alter. This area is so important for wildlife, and I just don't think it is right to take it away from future generations. Roads, infrastructure all in a warming Arctic just are a bad idea and goes against what the American people set this area aside for.

I worry about our Native peoples, and what this will do to the Caribou herd. It seems rushed, and short sighted to sell these lease.

For my kids, and myself, I ask that you halt this process until enough scientific assessments can be done to ensure that the wildlife and peoples of this land are not negatively affected by development.

I ask that your agency halt this process until further research can be completed. Once we go down this path, it cannot be reversed, and the incredible damage to this area will be long-lasting. This is not an issue to be rushed or taken lightly.

Please don't take the opportunity away from future generations to visit, or just dream about this pristine wilderness just for the short sighted gain of a few dollars. Oil prices are low, technology has advanced, we do not need to drill in a National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kate O'Brien
147 Thurrell Road
South Berwick, ME 03908

December 08, 2020

RE: Reject any seismic exploration or oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Director Padgett,

I was dismayed to hear about the planned oil and gas lease sale tracts for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I am writing to express my opposition to any such development in this pristine refuge. Oil and gas development in this wilderness area is simply not compatible with the original purposes of the refuge, and will severely impact wildlife and refuge habitat.

I ask that you halt this process until enough scientific assessments are done to ensure that the wildlife and peoples of this land are not negatively affected by development.

The indigenous peoples of this land in Alaska sustain their livelihoods from this land, and iconic wildlife species live and thrive here. Among the wildlife species impacted by oil and gas development or seismic monitoring are polar bears, which den during the winter months, the Porcupine caribou, which use the 1002 Coastal Plain as their birthing grounds, and an enormous number of birds, which in turn winter in the Lower 48 states, such as tundra swan and snow geese.

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I am an avid birder, and I am very concerned about the impacts of drilling to the millions of birds that nest in the Coastal Plain and migrate to the Lower 48 states. Because of the hurried nature of this process, the BLM has not examined what drilling will do to these bird populations, and this directly affects all wildlife refuges in the Lower 48 as well as refuges in Alaska.

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Sincerely,
Barbara Taylor
66611 Oriole Rd
North Bend, OR 97459

December 14, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas development in this wilderness area is not compatible with the original purposes of the refuge, and will severely impact wildlife and habitat.

As a long-time visitor to National Wildlife Refuges in multiple states, including Alaska, and as a Board Member of the Friends of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, I ask that you halt this process until sufficient scientific assessments can be done to ensure that the wildlife and peoples are not negatively affected by development.

The Arctic NWR provides summer nesting habitat for many of the waterfowl that over-winter on the Bosque del Apache NWR in New Mexico. These birds include the lesser Sandhill Crane, and many species of ducks and geese. Both refuges are critical to the continued health of so many species. Habitat for waterfowl is decreasing throughout the United States; any further affects to their habitat must be very carefully weighed with their welfare in mind. Continued pressure on birds, as well as many mammal species, leading to their decrease and potential loss of viability would be a terrible loss to the natural resources of our nation.

The indigenous peoples of Alaska sustain their livelihoods from this land. Important wildlife species live and thrive here. Among the wildlife species impacted by oil and gas development or seismic monitoring are polar bears, which den in the winter, the Porcupine caribou herd, whose birthing grounds are on the coastal plain, and an enormous number of birds, which in turn winter in the Lower 48 states.

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I ask that your agency halt the leasing until further research can be completed. Once we go down this path, it cannot be reversed, and damage to this area will be forever. The loss of habitat that supports the incredible diversity of wildlife that we are fortunate to live with would be an inconsolable loss to the people and our nation. The loss of these species would also dangerously upset the balance of nature in this incredible habitat.

The future of our nation and the world does not lie in the development of more oil and gas fields with associated effects on global warming and sea-level rise. Please put the health of the refuge and the species first.

Sincerely,
Linda M Barker
732 Montwood Court
Alamogordo, NM 88310

December 14, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am opposed to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas development in this wilderness area is not compatible with the original purposes of the refuge, and will severely impact wildlife and refuge habitat. As climate change melts ice and tundra, the wildlife is struggling already. Polar bears are hunting on gravel hills instead of ice floes. Development of this area will only hasten the decline of so many species.

I ask that you halt this process until enough scientific assessments can be done to ensure that the wildlife and peoples of this land are not negatively affected by development.

The indigenous peoples of this land in Alaska sustain their livelihoods from this land. The government of the United States has done enough damage to indigenous people which is why they have the shortest life span, lowest income, poorest health. ... Do not add one more damaging decision to their lives.

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