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216 cr 6814  
Natalia, TX 78059

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Josh Staquet  
4 Elliot Court  
Royersford, PA 19468

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National wildlife refuges are intended to serve as \*refuges\* for wildlife. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is a unique place in America, which deserves to be protected from commercial exploitation.

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Sincerely,  
Michele May  
5205 Commander Ct  
Arlington, TX 76017



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Gerald O'Grady  
439 Hidden Valley Lane  
Soquel, CA 95073

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Dear Director Padgett,

Please don't do this. We must keep our land sacred and clean because it is about every living thing on this planet. Our future depends on you not stopping this. Think of every child in the world with a dream. That dream depends on you not going through with this. Your children, my children, and everyone who lives here.

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2159 Harris Alley  
eugene, OR 97405

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4078 Coquina Dr  
Sanibel, FL 33957

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Sincerely,  
Michael Paredes  
232 Severn Dr  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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1057 Calle 8  
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I ask that your agency halt this process and do not do anymore drilling. The existence of humanity depends on preserving our natural resources.

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234 Severn Drive  
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545 West Shore Trail  
Sparta, NJ 07871



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We must protect the golden eagles, caribou and polar bears living in this area. Scarce resources must not be plundered. This is public lands meant to be protected.

Politics are the only reason this is being rushed through. I urge you to stop until more scientific reviews are made.

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Kim and Bill Lawler

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4304 TAUNTON DRIVE  
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705

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As a long time hiker and wildlife photographer, my concern is both for general ecological reasons and personal ones. I frequent our nation's wildlife refuges, and wish to see them preserved in a natural state for the benefit of those who choose to visit them, and for those who take comfort in simply knowing the diversity of life they preserve. My children and grandchildren deserve a chance to see this area at some point in the future. I plan to visit this area in the future as well, and I share the concern of many others in the potential damage the fossil fuel exploitation of this region will cause, particularly since it is so unnecessary. And last but not least, the benefits to the wildlife and North Slope ecosystem of this refuge eclipses any potential mineral and fossil fuel resource capture that drilling would allow. It is upon the citizens of the United States to speak for the good stewardship of the lands owned by the public, lands that are incorporated in our National Wildlife Refuge system. To do otherwise would be irresponsible. It is not our place to extract all

remaining fossil fuels from public lands any more than to remove every tree from our National Forests. Let's be wise with our land.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Bickel  
13180 N. Yaqui Dr  
PRESCOTT, AZ 86305

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4309 SE Gladstone St  
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10 Gaston St  
West Orange, NJ 07052



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7135 ROUTT ST  
ARVADA, CO 80004

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772 hidden creek drive  
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Phoenix, MD 21131

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Respectfully,  
Frank Coyne  
Denver, CO

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6 HILLSIDE CT  
LAMBERTVILLE, NJ 08530

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Sincerely,  
Gregory Cundiff  
8 Charles PLZ 501  
Baltimore, MD 21201

December 01, 2020

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Sincerely,  
Isabelle Kanz  
6380 Soundview Ave  
Peconic, NY 11958

December 01, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

I am dismayed at the continuing pressure to extract oil from one of North America's last truly vast, wild, and largely untouched areas. This is not only a shame from an environmental standpoint, but from a human one as well. The indigenous peoples of this land in Alaska sustain their livelihoods from this land. It is their home, and the home of countless wildlife--for which the land has been preserved as a REFUGE.

In addition to protecting the wildlife, another original purpose of the Arctic Refuge (as established in ANILCA) was to ensure water quality on these lands. The BLM has completed no new analyses of the impact of oil and gas development to water sources in the refuge, or even analyzed how much water is available in these areas.

Oil and gas exploration here can not be un-done. Please think about the adverse legacy you could be leaving by ruining this marvel of nature.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Te Poel  
9327 Otchipwe Ave. N.  
Stillwater, MN 55082

December 10, 2020

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

Dear Director Padgett,

December 9, 2020

Dear State Director,

I am writing to oppose oil and gas leasing in the Arctic Refuge coastal plain. The recent call for nominations for leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, issued November 17, must be withdrawn.

Energy policy in this country, and in the world as a whole, is moving rapidly to replace fossil fuel consumption with clean energy technologies. The goal, if we are to have any chance of staving off the climate crisis, is to keep fossil fuels in the ground. The oil and gas that would be produced from these leases will be unnecessary and the irreplaceable value of the pristine habitat that currently exists in the Refuge will have been destroyed needlessly.

ALL of the US's major banks, and over two dozen global banks have released policies against funding Arctic drilling. They know that there is no future in drilling for oil and gas any longer.

This lease sale makes no sense and will cause irreparable harm.

I urge BLM to remove tracts #1 - #32, identified in the call for nominations, from consideration for leasing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Alexander Davis

15 Pipers Way  
New Harbor, ME

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15 Pipers Way  
New Harbor, ME 04554

December 02, 2020

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Sincerely,  
Tim Glover  
9446 Fleming Grant Rd  
Micco, FL 32976

December 03, 2020

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Sincerely,  
Silvia Hall  
349 NE 31st Street  
Boca Raton, FL 33431



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Sincerely,  
Michael Meegan  
PO Box 6647  
Annapolis, MD 21401

December 04, 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. 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. Furthermore the United States should stop investing oil and gas development in favor of renewable resources in order to combat climate change.

This development would violate the human rights of the native people in the region. There has been a clear call to action for broad advances in social justice this year and recognizing the rights of native peoples is critical to that movement and to improving our society.

Furthermore oil and gas development would endanger many species of migratory birds, polar bears, and caribou that should be protected for future generations to see. We are losing species to extinction at an alarming rate and destroying critical habitat for so many species will exacerbate the problem.

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.

Finally, I am a firm believer that our public lands are one of the great accomplishments of the United States and should be preserved for the long-term benefit to ALL citizens. Using this refuge to extract oil and short-term wealth for the benefit of a few oil and plastic companies is not in keeping with American values. Future generations deserve the same beauty, clean water, and open spaces to explore that past generations have had on public lands and this project would permanently damage the land and steal those experiences from our grandchildren.

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Smith  
237 N Humboldt St  
San Mateo, CA 94401

December 04, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

December 4, 2020

To:  
Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska State Office

Comments Regarding Proposed Coastal Plain, Alaska, Oil and Gas Lease Sale  
In general the leasing and development of oil and gas resources on any portion of of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is unnecessary, and I oppose the proposed action. It is not in our national interest. We should be phasing out exploitation of oil and gas resources as our nation transitions to alternative energy sources. I am personally familiar with the area proposed for leasing, having been fortunate to visit and study it on more than one occasion. I strongly believe that others should have the opportunity to visit without the types of environmental damage that have already occurred across our Alaskan Arctic due to oil and gas development.

The paragraphs below summarize with regard to the specific on the ANWR Coastal Plain why leasing should not go forward

The Coastal Plain portion of ANWR represents the only example of the Arctic portion of the United States that has not been opened up or is potentially available for oil and gas leasing under a wide variety of regulations. It is essential to retain one small portion of this Arctic ecosystem in a relatively unaltered state for future research and understanding as a baseline. The Coastal Plain within ANWR is of special ecological significance because of its narrow dimensions. Thus, a full ecosystem including foothills and mountain is best protected here. No alteration of this wilderness area should be allowed.

The Porcupine Caribou Herd (PCH) is an extremely valuable international resource. The Canadian government has taken appropriate steps to protect this caribou population and its habitat on the Canadian side of the international border. The USFWS and BLM should do the same for the US by prohibiting any development or disturbance. Because the area under consideration is in or adjacent the calving grounds of the PCH disturbance and alteration of the tundra is likely to have long term consequences and may cause alteration to the annual migration patterns. This caribou population is already undergoing additional stress as a result of climate change. The impacts of such change should be considered in depth as part of any environmental impact analysis. Indeed, the potential contributions to additional climate warming by development and extraction of petroleum resources from ANWR is undesirable and should not be authorized. Development of oil and gas on ANWR will be particularly impactful on climate warming because the ratio of resources used for each unit removed from the ground is particularly high in the Arctic.

The Gwitchen people, who still depend upon the Porcupine Herd caribou population and who understand the importance of these animals in reference to their traditions and culture have made clear their opposition to this leasing and subsequent development. It should be recognized that our government has responsibility to respond to their needs. As noted above the proposed actions may lead to alteration

of migratory patterns and thus alter availability of caribou to these people. Similarly, the long-term well-being of the Inupiat residents of Kaktovik will truly be protected by not leasing and developing in proximity to their homes and homeland.

The Coastal Plain and northern foothills portion of ANWR has become increasingly important to the small population of polar bear using the eastern Beaufort Sea. The polar bear is an endangered species, under severe threat from habitat loss as a result of climate warming in the Arctic. Thus, the effects of leasing and related disturbance could have devastating effects on this endangered population. Any such development would be violation of the Endangered Species Act and should be prohibited.

The general area in question provides habitat for muskoxen. Although they were very successfully reintroduced to the area and historically have done well, muskox populations too are under considerable stresses as a result of climate change. Therefore, no additional stresses should be exerted by unnecessary development in the Coastal Plain or in other portions of ANWR..

Peter C. Lent, PhD.

Sincerely,  
Peter Lent  
9142 SE Kingswood Way  
Damascus, OR 97089

December 12, 2020

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Sincerely,  
Raylene Littlewolf  
2407 18th Ave South  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

December 05, 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. This purpose of this wilderness area is to protect flora, fauna and indigenous peoples of the region, and oil and gas development will severely impact wildlife and refuge habitat.

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Sincerely,  
Beverlee Steinberg  
1317 Rutland St  
Houston, TX 77008

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Sincerely,  
Fk alexander  
323 ocean ave  
MARBLEHEAD, MA 01945

December 11, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

Oil companies are running out of time and instead of embracing new ideas

instead fight to stay in their comfort zone while hurting others in the process

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Sincerely,  
Fred Bushyhead  
323 ocean ave  
Marblehead, MA 01945



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Sincerely,  
Dillon Thunder  
4426 Portland ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

December 07, 2020

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

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Native Alaskans use the resources of the refuge and there are many mammalian species that are protected by it.

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Sincerely,  
Larry Cartwright  
6722 Fern Ln  
Annandale, VA 22003

December 09, 2020

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

Dear Director Padgett,

I have always wanted to visit this refuge and have learned about its extensive and profound importance to the animals that live there as well as the indigenous community. Your actions alone could exacerbate climate change and destroy America's most pristine ecosystem. Be on the right side of history. Our future generations depend on it.

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Chloe Rabinowitz  
6404 9th Ave NE  
Seattle, WA 98115

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Sincerely,  
Kate Carnahan  
812 SE 4th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

December 14, 2020

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

Dear Director Padgett,

Exploring and drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge must not happen in order to sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations and to allow for seasonal migrations and climate-driven range shifts. Wildlife in the Refuge and other areas in the world are being threatened by the expansion of development and it will never return to its natural state if it is developed by drilling for oil.

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Sincerely,  
Chad Chandler  
5329 Sendero Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27612

December 15, 2020

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

Dear Director Padgett,

I am writing as president of the Southern Illinois Audubon Society on behalf of the group. We are interested in environmental conservation both in our region and nationally.

National Wildlife Refuges are a crown jewel in the environment and wildlife protection for the country similar to the National Park System. Our country has a deserved reputation as a world leader in this effort and we need to continue to lead.

Our society wants to express opposition to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It will not be required to have oil and gas development in this wilderness area as fossil fuel requirements are going to lessen as technology takes energy use in less harmful directions. National Wildlife Refuges are dedicated to preserving organisms and their required habitats, exploration and development will severely impact wildlife and refuge habitat.

The leasing process should be halted until enough scientific assessments can be done to ensure that the wildlife and peoples of this land are not negatively affected by development. As this prospect seems very unlikely, there will always effects of human manipulation, the development will not be sustainable without negative effects on wildlife.

The indigenous peoples of this land in Alaska sustain their livelihoods from this land, and incredibly important wildlife species live and thrive here, they have been doing this for generations without serious harm to the environment. The wildlife species impacted by oil and gas development or seismic monitoring include polar bears, which den there during the winter months, the Porcupine caribou herd, 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, like tundra swan, snow geese and other waterfowl.

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We are concerned that the impacts of drilling will harm the breeding habitat of millions of birds that nest in the Coastal Plain and migrate to the Lower 48 states. Because of the unscientific rush 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 rest of the nation as well as Alaska.

I ask that your agency halt this hurried process until further scientifically based research can be completed. If we prematurely proceed with this probably

unnecessary development, it cannot be reversed, and the incredible damage to this area will be long-lasting. Additionally the United States will lose its leadership in environmental conservation.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Merkelbach  
2050 East McCord Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

December 15, 2020

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

Dear Director Padgett,

I am deeply opposed to any oil and gas leasing and development on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. We must stop and reflect on what kind of world we want to leave to our future generations. I support continuing to leave part of the natural world intact as the wildlife refuges have done throughout our country. There is no world-wide emergency shortage of gas and oil that requires a rush to lease land before carefully examining what drilling will do to the biodiversity of animals and plants in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, particularly the millions of birds that use the refuge as nesting grounds, and what the drilling will do to the water sources in the region. Further, we must consider the Indigenous Peoples who depend on their traditional lands and waters in the Arctic to support their way of life and not take actions that negatively impact their lives.

I have visited many wildlife refuges in my travels across our nation and would like to come to Alaska to do the same if the commitment to intact Wildlife Refuges continues there.

Sincerely,  
Debra Street  
13208 Tamarack Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904



December 16, 2020

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Dear Director Padgett,

Please halt oil and gas leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This area is too delicate, too important for wildlife to be damaged. Scientific assessments and public process have not been sufficient. I am concerned about impacts to caribou, polar bears and migratory birds. I am also concerned about permanent damage to water quality. And, more consultation is needed with the Gwich'in people who oppose development in ANWR. Drilling may be temporary but the effects last forever.

As a 20 plus year Alaskan resident, I hope to visit this refuge someday, and have it be a place of abundant wildlife, prioritized for wildlife viewing and subsistence, not an industrialized area.

Sincerely,  
Gwen Baluss  
10236 Heron Way  
Juneau, AK 99801

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Jessica Strother  
4508 18th St N Arlington  
Arlington, VA 22207

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4561 w mcnabb rd  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

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12529 Greenspring Ave  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

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Lilly Knuth  
38 Harvard Rd S  
Garden City, NY 11530

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Sincerely,  
Peggy A Jennings  
1111 Jennie Circle  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

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Karen Johnson  
3030 S. Herman St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

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PO Box 4202  
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663 Torrington Dr  
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2428 Manton St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19146

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Steve Sheehy  
4727 Alpine Dr.  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

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1212 E 10th St  
Davenport, IA 52803

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Jacqueline Silk  
10000 Stonehurst Ave.  
Sun Valley, CA 91352

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2232 Sandpiper Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456, VA 23456

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11058 Knottingby Dr  
Jacksonville, FL 32257

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Leslie Herrera  
20387 Mill Pond Terrace  
Germantown, MD 20876



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BLM,

Nov. 23, 2020

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If all the known global deposits of oil and gas are extracted and burned, carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere will become catastrophically high and irreparably damage the earth's climate. We need to immediately reduce oil and gas extractions globally and develop more green sources of energy. What better place to start then in the coastal plain of Alaska with its high wildlife values and value to indigenous peoples and high costs of extraction.

The impact of further mineral lease sales oil and gas extraction in Alaska needs to be considered on its global effects. Environmental impact statements written truthfully will detail the unacceptable costs to the earth of doing business as usual for the oil and gas industry. Now is the time to immediately reduce the extraction and burning of fossil fuels.

Thank you.

Tom Stehn  
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Aransas Pass, TX 78336  
361-758-2354  
tstehn@cableone.net

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Shari Guarino  
1432 East St  
Southington, CT 06489

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Brett Falcon  
Unit B  
El Prado, NM 87529

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Sincerely,  
Suzanne Hall  
PO Box 732  
Mont Alto, PA 17237

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The impacts of drilling could be disastrous to the millions of birds that nest in the Coastal Plain and migrate to the Lower 48 states. The BLM has not analyzed what drilling will do to these bird populations, and this directly affects all wildlife refuges in the Lower 48 as well as Alaska.

Once committed, these immense, negative impacts cannot be reversed.

Sincerely,  
Janet Gates  
1152 Kelfield Drive  
Halethorpe, MD 21227

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Furthermore, the devastating effects of climate change are already being felt around the world. We must cease our dependence on carbon-based energy sources. Please leave the oil and gas in the ground!

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Susan Ambler  
1328 Vine St  
Denver, CO 80206

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1514 E Scott St  
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8 Calle Miguel  
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200 S. Banana River Blvd #2302  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

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Debi Holt  
3330 N Main Street Rd  
Holley, NY 14470

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403 Umatilla  
Port Townsend, WA 99368

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14755 113th St S  
Hastings, MN 55033

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140 Mountain Way  
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

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Bill Shake I retired after 37 years of service in the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Bill Shake  
13315 SW Genesis Loop  
Tigard, OR 97223

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Sincerely,  
Ciry Null  
38220 MODOC POINT RD  
CHILOQUIN, OR 97624

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John Alcock  
705 E Loyola Dr  
Tempe, AZ 85282



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116 Desha Rd # 2  
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Newport, OR 97365