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[EXTERNAL] My comments on DOI-BLM-AK-R000-2018-0040-EA (SAExploration Inc. Seismic Application)

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RE: DOI-BLM-AK-R000-2018-0040-EA (SAExploration Inc. Seismic Application)

Dear BLM officials:

Please accept this email with my comments on the above-referenced EA.

I am very concerned that approval and implementation of this proposed action may result in many significant adverse environmental impacts. These impacts would be amplified because they would occur in such remote and pristine locations in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

ANWR is famous for its world-class wildlife resources, including the migratory Porcupine caribou herd. These resources are also of crucial importance for their continued sustainable use by Alaska natives.

These proposed seismic tests would cause a number of direct, indirect, and cumulative adverse impacts. These impacts would be both of a short-term and long-term duration. There would be extensive movement of vehicles, equipment, and personnel over long distances during likely difficult weather and terrain conditions. There would be many potentially dangerous river and stream crossings. There would be temporary camps established for large groups of personnel. All of these activities, as well as the extensive seismic tests themselves, would cumulatively disturb wildlife species that are not accustomed to such disturbances. This would stress these species and make it more difficult for them to survive, especially during winter when they may be dependent on limited fat reserves.

Climate change is real and already having increasingly serious impacts, including in Alaska. Proposing to conduct seismic testing to advance the extraction from new fossil fuel deposits in Alaska is not wise nor in the public interest. We need to be investing instead in aggressively advancing alternative, clean energy sources like solar, wind, and tidal.

Given my strong concerns, I vigorously oppose this proposed action and I urge BLM to deny this request. Please add me to your mailing list for future notices on this matter.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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