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[EXTERNAL] RFI: Special Areas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska

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To BLM\_NPRA\_SpecialAreas <BLM\_NPRA\_SpecialAreas@blm.gov>

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Dear Director Cohn:

The Western Arctic is in the crosshairs of large oil interests. These companies hold leases there and want to lock in oil development from the region for decades to come. I urge you to resist this approach and adopt the strongest protections for the Western Arctic.

I advocate following the scientific evidence. Identify resources warranting protection against harm from oil development activities and develop special areas and maximum protection measures to defend those irreplaceable resources.

The special areas process you are initiating gives you an important opportunity to shield irreplaceable and critically important areas from harmful oil development. I hope that you'll continue to support policies that safeguard the Arctic.

Sincerely,  
Mae Sterrett