To: State Director BLM

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I am writing about the urgency to protect the pristine Artic Refuge from oil and gas leasing. The drilling which is proposed by the Trump administration is a disaster for polar bears and migratory birds, as well as being a huge contributor to climate change. The local Gwich’in Nation has lived sustainably on these lands for centuries, and it would destroy their ability to provide for themselves. These natives do not have alternative economies in which to turn; living off the land is all they know and they are entitled to the sacred land for their sustenance. I strongly oppose the opening of the Artic for leasing of oil and gas, as well as plans to allow seismic testing. Sincerely, Laurie Kerr, [360-77305192/lauriekerr@pacifier.com/11102](mailto:360-77305192/lauriekerr@pacifier.com/11102) NE 196th St Battle Ground, Wa. 98604