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Serena Sweet
Bureau of Land Management
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Anchorage, AK 99513-7599

Re: Scoping Comments on the Environmental Impact Statement for Production Site Development in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska

Dear Ms. Sweet:

The Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Bureau of Land Management's Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Production Site Development in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A).

RDC is a statewide, non-profit trade association founded in 1975. Our membership is comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's fishing, tourism, forestry, mining, and oil and gas industries and includes Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

RDC supports BLM's effort to establish a more efficient and predictable permitting framework for production site development in the NPR-A. As BLM prepares this EIS, we encourage the agency to build upon the extensive environmental analyses already completed for the NPR-A. Previous land use plans and project-specific EIS's have thoroughly evaluated the impacts of common production infrastructure and established effective mitigation measures. Incorporating this work where appropriate will avoid unnecessary duplication, focus resources on new information, and support a more efficient permitting process.



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A predictable permitting system is essential for attracting the long-term investment required to develop Alaska's resources. Greater regulatory certainty benefits project developers, Alaska workers, local communities, Alaska Native corporations, businesses across the state, and the nation's energy security.

Finally, RDC encourages BLM to ensure the EIS reflects the statutory purpose of the NPR-A to facilitate responsible energy development while protecting important environmental resources. A streamlined permitting process that incorporates proven mitigation measures and decades of North Slope operating experience is consistent with that purpose.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process and look forward to continued engagement.

Sincerely,

Connor Hajdukovich
Executive Director
Resource Development Council for Alaska



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