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I urge you to reject any permitting shortcut for future oil and gas production sites in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. Each new project should receive a full, project-specific environmental review under NEPA. The BLM should not rely on older environmental reviews in place of carefully studying the impacts of new development, including cumulative impacts from existing and future oil and gas infrastructure. The Western Arctic is a sensitive and important region – these irreplaceable public lands hold higher values than oil production. New oil and gas development would threaten wildlife habitat, wetlands, clean water, public health, subsistence resources, and the climate. The BLM must preserve meaningful public input and Tribal consultation, fully evaluate the risks of each proposed project, and reject any process that would fast-track oil and gas development in the Western Arctic. Sincerely, Jacquelin H