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Dear 1002 Team,

Attached is the draft Draft Seismic Environmental Assessment (aka Preliminary Seismic EA). We were not certain what the timeline for receive this was until last Friday, and now it is in our hands for internal review. It is a much shorter document, and your continued input and expertise is greatly needed.

This is a DRAFT for FWS; it will also undergo review by BLM State Office before it is revised and released to the Public as a Draft EA. **As with the draft Leasing DEIS, we want to maintain the respect we have achieved for our knowledge, preparation and cooperation thus far, so please keep this internal so that we remain at the table as a respected partner.** There will be time for the public and the media to review a draft when it is ready, but this is a draft we are working on with BLM towards a final draft for them to share. Our draft if marked FWS and traceable back to us; please do not share.

**Similar comment format as for the draft DEIS: Comment forms are due COB Wednesday August 22nd to Wendy.**

POCs will collate your comments and ask for ARD review on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, and FWS will submit collated comments after Regional Director's office review on Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Also attached are Appendix B (maps), Appendix F (specialist reports) and the comment response table. BLM is continuing to work on other appendices, but if there is one referenced in the EA that you would like to review, let Wendy know and she will arrange to send you a draft.

Here is an outline for our approach:

1. **Given the very short turnaround, we would like you to focus your review on Chapters 4 (Environmental Impacts) and 5 (Cumulative Effects), which will also necessitate reading Chapter 2 (Proposed Action and Alternatives).** We can make the greatest contribution by considering how well the impacts are analyzed and conveyed, and making specific suggestions on what further analyses are needed. It is less important to worry about wording, spelling and editorial suggestions. There isn't time for extensive edits, so let's help BLM provide a solid analysis of the impacts.
2. **If you have additional time, please review Chapter 3 (affected environment) for your resource.** More extensive information is available in Appendix E (Specialist Reports), but I expect most of this came from FWS in our Draft Affected Environment submission earlier this summer. If you review either of these sections, your comments should be focused on providing recommended changes/additions of important information, including references.

**Below is a matchup of resource sections with who we believe has the expertise to review those chapters.** If you do not want to review a section you are listed for, please let me know ASAP. If you feel you have expertise to contribute to another section, please do so and include in your comment form; check in with the primary reviewer as needed.

Chapter 1: Stephanie, Sarah

Chapter 2: Wendy, Lynnda K, Pat O'Dell  
Chapter 2: Cross-reference Stips/ROPs with EIS: Wendy,  
Chapters 4 and 5:  
Subsistence: Hollis, Josh, Carl  
Environmental Justice/Sociocultural: Hollis, Josh Ream, Carl  
Prehistoric and Cultural Resource Sites: Ed  
Recreation: Jen  
Visual Resources: Paul, others  
Wilderness: Roger  
Wild & Scenic Rivers: Jen  
Special designations/MPA:  
Vegetation: Janet, Paul (snow cover)  
Soils and Permafrost: Janet  
Caribou: Steve, Ryan if available  
Terrestrial Mammals: Steve, Ryan if available  
Marine Mammals: Charlie?  
Polar Bears: Ryan, Christopher, Charlie, Ted  
Fish and Water Resources: Randy, John T,  
Snow: Paul (not a subchapter, need to verify adequately described in EA)

Again, thank you for your time and expertise!!  
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**Administrative Draft EA, for BLM/USFWS/ SOL Review****To BLM/USFWS/SOL Reviewers:**

The **Administrative Review Draft EA**, is intended for BLM/USFWS/SOL. (Please do not distribute.)

- Please complete the MSWord comment matrix (provided at the end of these instructions) by saving this file with a new file name including your last name (for example, name your comment matrix "I40L6318F0003\_AdminDraftEA\_BLM-agency-cmnts\_20180820\_WixonD.docx"), and then fill out your comments on the document.

**How to Provide Valuable Feedback****Commenting:**

For each comment, please fill in the following information under the appropriate column heading in the matrix:

- ✓ Page number, line number, or table number on which you are commenting. **The page and line numbers in the PDF file MUST be used.**
- ✓ Your comments:
  - **Your comments must be specific and provide exact changes to the text.** Please be unambiguous, clear, and directive, with exact wording changes stated. Ambiguous comments, such as "What?," "Poor," or "Is this right?," are not helpful and will not be considered.
  - If you have the same comment more than once, do not refer back to a previous comment number. Instead, please copy and paste your comment to a new row in the matrix and provide the specific page number, etc.
  - If you need additional space for comments, click in the table cell where you would like to comment, select the *Table* menu, *Insert*, and either *Rows Above* or *Rows Below*.
- ✓ Reviewers should keep this in mind, and constructive comments should focus on the following:
  - Adequacy of addressing the purpose and need.
  - Missing information, such as tribal, local and state planning documents or other readily-available data.
  - Adequacy and appropriate level of direct, indirect, and cumulative impact analysis. Provide specific changes to improve analysis and note any gaps in logic.
  - Consistency of impact analysis between resource topic areas.

**COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**BLM and Cooperating Agency Comments on Administrative Draft Review EIS**

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APPENDIX B  
Coastal Plain Seismic EA Maps

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