



November 14, 2025

Kevin Pendergast
U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (630)
Bureau of Land Management
1849 C Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Public Comment Opportunity – ConocoPhillips Alaska Winter Exploration Program

Dear Director Pendergast:

The Alaska Chamber writes to support the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) public process regarding ConocoPhillips Alaska's proposed winter exploration activities on the North Slope. The Chamber appreciates the opportunity to submit comments and affirms that BLM has provided a fair and reasonable window for both supporters and detractors to share their views.

The Alaska Chamber is Alaska's most diverse statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, directly representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages. The Chamber has a longstanding Federal Priority to support oil and gas exploration and development in Alaska's federal areas, including in the NPR-A.

We commend BLM for its thoughtful and science-based approach in evaluating this program and for recognizing that seasonal exploration work, especially winter programs conducted on snow and ice, has a long, well-documented history of minimal environmental impact. ConocoPhillips is a proven operator with extensive experience conducting safe and responsible exploration activities in this region.

The proposed winter program relies on modern technology and established methods including ice roads and low-impact equipment, that are neither novel nor experimental. These activities are conducted in remote areas, on frozen terrain, and are temporary in nature, significantly reducing the risk of long-term or permanent environmental harm.

Winter exploration programs have taken place safely and successfully across the North Slope for over 50 years, with consistent findings of little to no environmental impact through repeated environmental reviews. These efforts are a vital part of Alaska's energy future and play a foundational role in supporting the economy, benefiting North Slope communities, the State of Alaska, and the nation as a whole.

We respectfully encourage BLM to move forward with approval of this program, and we thank the agency for ensuring a transparent and inclusive comment process. Thank you for considering the Alaska Chamber's comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kati Capozzi'.

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