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Comment

Dear Ms. Jones,

The attached letter represents the Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society's public comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawn lands (D1 Withdrawals). We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important process.

The Wildlife Society (TWS) was founded in 1937 and is a non-profit scientific and educational association of over 11,000 professional wildlife biologists and managers, dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Our mission is to inspire, empower and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitats through science-based management and conservation. Our professional membership represents and serves the community of scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners and others who work actively to study, manage and conserve wildlife and its habitats worldwide. The Alaska Chapter of TWS has about 200 members in Alaska representing wildlife scientists and resource managers including those working for state and federal agencies, Native organizations, universities, non-profit groups and consulting biologists. Our collective knowledge regarding wildlife and its habitat in Alaska is our greatest strength, so we offer these comments in hopes that they will be used to improve the analyses in the DEIS.

Conservation of habitat and connectivity for wildlife is a foundation of sound management. Covering approximately 28 million acres of Alaska, the D1 Withdrawals being considered in this DEIS play an important role in such efforts. As we describe below, there are many scientific concerns about the effects of revoking existing D1 Withdrawals and opening the lands to leasing and development. In light of these, The Alaska Chapter of TWS supports maintaining existing D1 Withdrawals (Alternative A: No Action) for habitats and species across the state.

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