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Dear Reader:

This is the draft revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Plan, Revised Plan) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It includes a Wilderness Review (Appendix H) and a Wild and Scenic River Review (Appendix I). The final version of this Plan will guide management of the Refuge for the next 15 years. The Plan outlines goals and objectives, Refuge management guidelines, and six management alternatives for addressing management issues raised by the public and the agency. The Plan also describes our evaluation of the environmental impacts associated with implementing each alternative. Additionally, the Refuge manager's preliminary reviews of the compatibility of Refuge uses with Refuge purposes are presented in Appendix G—Compatibility Determinations.

This Plan has been sent to you because public involvement in the planning process is essential for developing an effective plan. Please review and provide comment on the Plan's content no later than 90 days after the Plan was released (see our web site (<http://arctic.fws.gov/ccp.htm>) for the comments due date). Comments should be specific and should address the merits of distinct aspects of the document such as the goals, objectives, management guidelines, or alternatives, or the adequacy of the environmental analysis. We will consider your comments as we prepare the Final Plan. Objections that could have been raised at this draft stage may be waived if they are not raised until after completion of the Final Plan.

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Your comments will help us prepare a better plan for the future of Arctic Refuge.*

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