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To: PAIS_public_comments@nps.gov
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Subject: Please Stop the Drilling on Padre Island National Seashore!!!

Please bring an end to the drilling of gas wells on the Padre Island National Seashore and encourage the administration to buy out those who own the mineral rights.

After long years of work and millions of taxpayer dollars, a number of Kemp's Ridley sea turtles have finally returned to nest at the National Seashore.

Now, with all of the effort that has been spent to save them and just as success in saving the species seems within reach, there is a new and threatening challenge, development of more gas wells at the Padre Island National Seashore. Development that brings with it more trucks, more traffic, more noise, more pollution, etc. Yes, a number of Kemp's Ridley sea turtles nested last summer in spite of traffic and accompanying distractions due to the first BNP well, but we are now talking about greater development in this place set aside in 1962 for humans to find peace and for wildlife to find refuge from man's continuing search for more resources and riches.

Please take whatever steps are necessary to preserve the tranquility of the Padre Island National Seashore as well as the nesting site for the Kemp's ridley sea turtles!

President Bush signed a Marine Turtle Protection Act earlier this year. Your administration needs to follow through by stopping the drilling on Padre Island National Seashore!

My family and I have been vacationing on Padre Island for years due, in part, to the sea turtles. We want to continue to do so but won't if more wells are drilled. Our tourism dollars will be spent elsewhere. Megan Cummings 2341 E South Mountain Ave Phoenix, AZ 85042 USA megan_cummings@yahoo.com