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To: PAIS_public_comments@nps.gov
cc:
Subject: No Drilling on Padre!

Dear Superintendent,

I recently became aware that BNP Petroleum will be drilling 5 new oil wells on or near Padre Island National Seashore, with access of course through the beach. I am adamantly opposed to this kind of traffic through the Seashore, with its resultant negative impact on the vegetation and wildlife, including birds, that inhabit the area, but also its negative financial impact on tourism. Much of central Texas and other states enjoy "going to the coast" to Padre Island NS, and birders also help financially to support the area's economy. Having numerous trucks travelling daily through the area will significantly limit tourists, and will severely damage the beach roads, which means our taxes will have to be spent not only to upgrade/build roads for these trucks to use, but then to repair their damage.

I am also adamantly opposed to drilling on Padre Island and urge you to buy out the mineral rights so that this will no longer be an issue. U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough, who foresaw the need to legally protect the wonderful treasure that is Padre Island, was instrumental in having Padre Island set aside as a National Seashore. He was my great-uncle and would literally be turning over in his grave if he knew of this planned travesty. This drilling will generate only one days' worth of our needed oil, yet will cause permanent damage, for what? Padre Island is the longest uninhabited barrier island in the world. The U.S. needs to continue to protect it for the public good, not destroy parts of it for one day of oil!!! Please urge those who can change this decision to use their common sense and revert to Alternative A.

Thank you, as persons responsible for protecting the good of the public, for considering my concerns. Please do not drill on Padre Island.

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