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To: <PAIS_public_comments@nps.gov>
cc:
Subject: proposed drilling plan

Dear Superintendent:

I am writing to express my OPPOSITION to the proposed drilling plan for the Padre Island National Seashore, for the following reasons:

* Given that most of the Texas coast is already being used for resource extraction, one section of our heritage should be left unspoiled as a coastal wilderness.

Eight months of trucks up and down the beach is not my idea of a coastal wilderness, and this is a beach for Americans to enjoy. I am also very concerned as to the environmental impact of the proposed drilling plan.

* The environmentally preferred alternative would be Alternative A.

* In fact, federal buy out of the mineral rights would eliminate the need to allow access to private owners AND meet all six of the national environmental policy goals - this would be in keeping with the original intent of the park.

As someone who visits the coast yearly (and will do so more often when I retire) I value every square inch of this natural and national resource to be used as a coastal wilderness. I am more depressed every year as we Americans seem hell bent on "paving over paradise to put up a parking lot."

Thank you for your kind attention to my citizen comments!

Sincerely,

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