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Dear Padre Island National Seashore Personnel-

I am writing to implore you to stop the drilling on Padre Island. This is a spectacular beach that is enjoyed by thousands of people each year. It is also home to the endangered Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle + other valuable marine animals.

The drilling is threatening this natural treasure, + the trucks are literally tearing up the beach + destroying animal habitat. Is one day's worth of natural gas worth the destruction?

The National Park Service should choose Alternative A in the Environmental Assessment. However, an even better option would be to create Alternative C - allowing the Park Service to buy out the mineral rights.

Padre Island should not be turned into an oil & gas superhighway!

Sincerely,

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