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Subject: Possibly Spam: Padre Island National Seashore

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Please respond to
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Padre Island National Seashore
Attn: Superintendent/O&G EA
P.O. Box 181300
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Dear Superintendent:

I do NOT approve of the proposed drilling plan.

As you know, the plan will take at least eight months to complete. That means eight months of up to 20 trucks per day traveling up and down the beach. Much of the year the beach will be dominated by trucks. This beach is for people like my family and I to enjoy, and that would be impossible. Don't make us cancel our plans.

Since there are only two alternatives listed in this Environmental Assessment, the National Park Service should choose Alternative A, as it is the environmentally preferred alternative.

A federal buyout of the mineral rights should be included as one of the alternatives. Such an alternative would eliminate the need to allow access to privately owned mineral leases and would be consistent with the NPS environmentally preferred alternative and would meet all 6 of the national environmental policy goals and would be consistent with the original intent of the park.

Considering that most of the Texas coast is currently being used to produce oil and gas, and considering that only 3 percent of Texas is public recreation land, the balance between population and resource use has already been met and more likely favors resource extraction over recreation. Padre Island National Seashore should be the one area of the coast that offers the experience of coastal wilderness free of industrial development. Consumers like us have used conservation to eliminate the need for more coastal production.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karl Rysted