

Dear Padre Island Superintendent,

As a citizen who enjoys the natural beauty of our nation's seashores and takes great comfort in knowing that at least some of them remain undeveloped, I am highly opposed to any drilling plan for new BNP petroleum wells in Padre. The effects of these wells would be devastating in many respects and would threaten the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. Aside from the ethical perspective, these turtles serve as an attraction that draws many visitors to the park. It is neither logical or fair to compromise something enjoyed so thoroughly by the public in order to provide a brief boost in profit for BNP.

I urge you to support the alternative of a federal buyout of mineral rights on Padre. In addition to supporting the originally intended use of this land, this plan is consistent with the NPS environmentally preferred alternative. Please support Alternative A and help ensure that no more wells be built that would compromise the well-being of Kemp Ridley habitat. Thank you very much for your time and concern. I look forward to hearing your response on this issue.

Sincerely,
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