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Dear Padre Island Superintendent,

As a citizen who enjoys the natural beauty of the nation's seashores, I strongly disapprove of the proposed drilling plan for five new BNP petroleum wells on Padre. Not only would these wells severely diminish the natural integrity of the seashore, but also impinge on the habitat of the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. The continuing return of the turtles to the beach is a significant resource for the park, as an attraction appreciated by visitors.

I support a federal buyout of the mineral rights as an alternative to the drilling plan. Such an alternative would eliminate the need to allow access to privately-owned mineral leases.

Please, please keep in mind the original intent of the park. It should remain as an area of the coast that is absent of industrial development.

I look forward to hearing your response on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,
Kara Tierney