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Dear Reader:

This is the draft revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Plan, Revised Plan) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It includes a Wilderness Review (Appendix H) and a Wild and Scenic River Review (Appendix I). The final version of this Plan will guide management of the Refuge for the next 15 years. The Plan outlines goals and objectives, Refuge management guidelines, and six management alternatives for addressing management issues raised by the public and the agency. The Plan also describes our evaluation of the environmental impacts associated with implementing each alternative. Additionally, the Refuge manager’s preliminary reviews of the compatibility of Refuge uses with Refuge purposes are presented in Appendix G—Compatibility Determinations.

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