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Dear Minister McKenna,

A most unfortunate situation is threatening the Sable Island National Park Reserve area as a result of presumably unforeseen loopholes in the legislation covering the Reserve: surface drilling is prohibited, but it allows for the possibility of oil and gas exploration on the island, along with sub-surface drilling. What has happened is that The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board has put out a “call for bids” for oil and gas exploration off the coast of Nova Scotia that including the area of the Sable Island National Park Reserve.

It is a remote sand island located about 175 kilometres offshore, famous for its extensive sand dunes and wild horses, and was declared a national park reserve in 2013. Obviously Canada’s national parks should not be subjected to oil and gas activities and absolutely are no place for oil and gas exploration..

Yours sincerely,

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