

Hi. My name is Judy Jinat. I am from the Wild Earth First Guardians Club -- no, that's not what I am. I'm a native of Campbell County, Wyoming, a life-long resident, four generations. I'm a wife and mother and a grandmother. I live on a small ranch that was homesteaded by my great-grandparents. My children and their families are my neighbors. This is our home, and we've seen a lot of changes here. 17 years ago, I was blessed to land a coveted job at Cordero Rojo Coal Mine and have been a proud coal miner ever since. It was one of the best things that happened to me. It was an opportunity that I never thought I would get to enjoy. Mining was also one of the best things that has happened to Wyoming. It created a lot of higher-paying jobs and generated huge amounts of money to the city of Gillette, to Campbell County, the State of Wyoming, and the U.S. as a whole. Quite a bit of money that people make at the mines of Campbell County support other communities as well. People support their families in other states with Campbell County coal mining because there are no job opportunities like these where they come from. Some of those people have already lost their jobs, and there's likely more to come. This industry has bent over backwards to be good stewards of the land and generous partners to the communities they operate in. Now we're seeing this all change. Why? Because of theories that can't be proven, not to mention over-taxing and overregulating. Every time the EPA or the BLM throws something new at the industry, they comply, and then the government ups the ante. There does not seem to be anything mining can do right as long as the government's goal is to put them out of business and drive up the cost of electricity. We have done an excellent job of providing coal to reduce the cost of reliable electricity that we all need. I don't know of any other source at this time. Why would you want to eliminate something that works so well when you don't have anything better than or equal to replace it with? Maybe it will happen some day, but that day is not here yet. I have a feeling that natural gas companies will have the same target on their back as soon as the coal is no longer a viable source. We have been seeing the effect of government overreach throughout our communities, and we've barely started. I don't think there's anyone in Campbell County that isn't feeling this as well as neighboring towns and states. My husband's employer is looking at cutting hours, and they're not even

directly mining-related. My son-in-law supports my grandchildren on the income he makes at the coal mine, and my son has seen changes in his job as well. Where do we go from here? There can't be enough money thrown at it to make it better. The only thing that can help is to pull back your attack on coal, allow yourself to see what it is we do exactly, and let us do what we do best. It shouldn't be the government's function to hurt families and entire communities instead of working together make them stronger. Where will I go from here if I lose my job? There isn't anything else comparable out there. What about all people that have house payments and families they are proudly working to support instead of standing around with their hands out waiting for someone else to take care of them? Please let them keep their jobs. Let these coal companies continue to be an essential provider of our nation's electricity. And as for the political rhetoric of the war on women, this industry here does -- they do believe in equal for equal work, and this is a move to eliminate that opportunity. Now that's a war on women.