

My name is Charlie Shinkle, and I'm here to represent my family. My two daughters are here today. I'm sure you've all seen them sitting there. Many may think why do I take my kids out of school. Well, I took them out of school because today they probably learn as much as they did in school. I'm going to talk about my family. My family homesteaded in Wyoming in 1898 and 1903. And I have the original homestead deed signed by Calvin Coolidge and Woodrow Wilson. I have them in my possession. Both sets of my grandparents, one come from Scotland, and they as well come to work in the coal mines. I went to University of Wyoming, got married to my wife. She went to the University of Wyoming. When I was going to school, I worked for the BLM, worked for an interagency helicopter crew fighting fires, stationed in Rawlins, Wyoming. I was stationed in Fort Washakie actually but worked for the Rawlins district. A lady here talked about getting off nice -- the lady talked about fires and the beetles. Well, I'll tell you a fact about fires. Wildland fires produce more carbon emissions than I don't know how many coal power plants. It's a lot. And then the Department of Interior chooses to have a policy where they don't fight these fires, let it burn. These beetles would be killed. These beetles would be killed if the fire -- if that forest was healthy. You know, letting it burn, is that the right answer? I don't know. I mean, the gentleman here talked about being a logger. Well, I'm sure he could tell you about how the logging has changed in the State of Wyoming. It's no longer. More on coal, the war on coal whether it's from the current administration or administrations that are to come, war is a really horrible word. Why are we at war with our own people in our own country? I don't -- I don't understand that. That's not a term that I want to be heard or see. A solution. You know, solutions for coal, I think, you know, the subsidies that are spent on another industries whether it's solar or wind, why aren't we spending that money capturing the emissions, making our power plants cleaner? And now on statistics. I have very many. I have some, but other people have mentioned them. But 35 percent of the U.S. power comes from coal, which is 40 percent of that coal comes from the State of Wyoming. So let's turn off all the power that that 35 percent equals 8.4 hours of your day. So turn off your power to your house. Turn off the power to Washington. Turn

off the power to schools. Turn off the power to the grocery store and see what that gets you.