

Hello. My name is Amanda Still. I'm a personal concerned citizen, but I'm also affiliated with the Sierra Club. So what I want to say is that the mission statement of the BLM as taken from the 2014 posting of "Public Land Statistics" is "to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under a mandate of multiple use and sustained yield." The coal industry is not sustainable. It is a known non-renewable resource which is bottoming out faster than anyone's expected, and that leaves us with many questions, doubt, instability and budget and hiring freezes all across the state. The programmatic EIS fact sheet describes coal as a domestic energy resource that will continue to be viable for years to come. This is not mind-set we need to be in. It's true that coal has been invaluable in the progression of human innovation. It's also true that the coal industry has provided steady and gainful employment to people for generations. However, that does not change the fact that they are. And the fact is that one day we will run out of coal. The fact is that our collective consumption of coal and other fossil fuels has a directly measurable impact on our climate and the consequences of that are -- we can only begin to fathom. We place ourselves in danger to one degree or another when we stand up, but we place our children and grandchildren in even greater danger when we do not. So I am here standing for my future child. I stand here for the children are already here who will be facing incredibly dire challenges as a result of the choices made by the people who come before me. I stand here to say that fundamentally for the sake of our united future, we should not continue the practice of coal mining at all, and at the very least, we should be strenuously engaged in the pursuit of sound, alternative energy sources while we push to phase coal out. And I do hear you, all of those who are fearful and infuriated at this stand because of the substantial losses that a move like this will incur. But what I offer in response is an answer provided by the leader of our free world, The POWER Plus Plan. This initiative will fund from a diverse pool such as the Department of Labor's Dislocated Worker National Reserve and the Department of Commerce and the USDA's Rural Economic Development loan and grant programs among others. The Dislocated Worker National Reserve alone has a budget of 20 million specifically, quote, to support workers dislocated

from coal mines and coal field power plants. These funds would go towards providing reemployment services, job training, and subsidize employment and more. These programs not only put effort in to helping workers find new jobs, they're also designed with the intention of ensuring the health and retirement of coal miners and their families through legislative reform and the strengthening of pension plans. This plan also discusses the legacy of abandoned mine land and implements the use of the unappropriated balance of the abandoned mine reclamation fund, a balance that, when distributed over the course of five years, will ultimately reach a sum of \$1 billion to reclaim abandoned coal mine lands and associated polluted water in a manner that promotes sustainable redevelopment in economically distressed coal country communities. I'm almost finished. With those already present support networks, I implore the State of Wyoming as a whole to recognize our dire need for change and to act on it. Our future depends on the actions we take today.