My name is Bob Strayer. I'm from Laramie, Wyoming, and I'm a father and a grandfather of four grandchildren, now the youngest being Sadie Marie who is six months old, quite proud of her. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak at the Interior Department's long-awaited and needed review of coal mining and public lands. I'm going to say in response to the Governor's comment about why isn't it being treated -- climate change being treated as a national security threat, the reason for that is there is so much climate denial and so much power of corporations in our country that interferes with any activity or any attempt to address climate change. Fortunately, I think the Interior Department is a part of addressing that problem rather than denying it. Coal has made unbelievable contributions to Wyoming. I think we all recognize that -- schools, infrastructure. I used to live in Gillette. I know all the resources that they have up there. They're wonderful, and it's unfortunate that the rest of the state has not been able to benefit as Gillette has from some of that. But this is a time of transition, and I think it's a cruel deceit on the part of politicians whether it's at the state or on the federal level to mislead people into thinking that things are not going to be changing -- changing and specifically in the energy we use in this country and primarily I'm talking about coal. It's one of the dirtiest sources of pollution that we use for energy. There's no question about that. And 95 percent of the scientists in the world plus are convinced that the climate is changing, is warming. And the increase in CO2 is a major cause in that, and that's coming from human use of carbon fuels. So there's no question about that. What I wonder about, you know, for the Interior Department, BLM in consideration of the costs and the impacts on the environment and the people of this country and world, for that matter, is, you know, what is Sadie Marie's life going to be like in 20, 30, 40 years? She's six months old now. What is the cost -- what kind of a legacy are we leaving for this generation? You know, we're so quick to think about the immediate profits. That's what corporations operate on. They don't care to think too far ahead because their stockholders need their money right away. You know, I think it's time that we start considering, you know, future generations and how this is all going to end up with them. And

clearly, unless we make some dramatic changes in use of carbon fuels, it's going to be increasingly worse. Thank you.