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Hello, my name is Jason Timbreza,

*Long Resident of Clark County for 41/31*

Coal miner from the North fork valley, ~~currently a shift coordinator~~ at the Bowie #2 mine an avid out doors man & family man .I'm a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation miner but I never thought I would be, some of my family owned and operated a logging company, but little by little I watched as the governments regulation and greed strangled the timber industry and killed jobs. Now more recently ~~1,000 jobs~~ <sup>1,500 jobs</sup> locally have been lost in the coal industry as a direct result of this administrations war on coal. I'm here today express my - dis approval of the BLM's moratorium on new coal leases & if nothing else let you see firsthand 1 of the coal miners' faces that have been directly affected by this administration's war on coal. I'm one of the last 40 employees at Bowie #2 and ~~most likely~~ <sup>most likely</sup> will only will be employed for 5 more weeks. In my lifetime in our Valley there have been many jobs lost in different industries, logging, agriculture, construction, oil and gas, and as this has occurred many people from those industries came the coal mines because of the financial security & the benefits provided or to help keep family farms in operation & small buisnesses running. With the loss of the coal mining jobs there is nothing that will replace the lost revenue to our Valley and the surrounding communities. You will hear other people today speak the specific financial figures and social impacts on buisnesses and public services in our County, but I can sum it up as there is nothing that can replace the coal mining jobs that have been lost in our valley and nothing else will provide the long-lasting security that coal has to our county. Parts of the "PEIS" had a stated goal of ensuring the tax payers get a fair return from the resources and to manage the coal program in way that is consistent with the Obama Administrations climate change objectives. Currently the tax payers are getting a fair return, simply put, way more than if we ~~don't~~ <sup>don't</sup> mine it, and you can agree or not agree with climate change & the reasons for it but everyone here today would have to agree that this country is on the verge of financial collapse, many high quality jobs have been lost across this country and industries threatened that have historically been the back bone of the economy. Further more the reduction in coal generated power, will only lead to problems in providing reliable power & paying higher prices for electricity, something that will end up costing tax payer's more, rather than receiving any tax revenue from mining. I strongly urge the BLM to reconsider this moratorium, enable coal mining and coal generated power plants to thrive again and preserve the jobs that our left for my brothers and sisters in the coal mining industry.

*Pragmatic Environmental impact statement*

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