

WILLIAM ISOM: Hey, yeah. My name is William Isom. I'm from Morristown, Tennessee, and -- which is a little bit east of here. And I want to say, first off, Representative Phil Roe's little flunkie doesn't represent me. I'm in Phil Roe's district, and their comments do not represent me as a resident of Hamblin County. And I want to say also I'm a very big fan of the BLM. I've enjoyed the BLM lands out west, free camping, free recreation, and I think that it's an excellent thing that we have, these public lands. And so I want to encourage -- I'm -- It's going to be really brief. I just want to encourage that restructuring of this -- the Federal Coal Lease Program. I think that it is sorely needed. It is past time. And also I want to talk about the royalties. I think that in the meantime until the Federal Coal Leasing Program is permanently done away with, I think that the royalties need to be readjusted. So, I mean, these -- those are our resources, and our infrastructure in the country is crumbling, and so we need that money in the federal kitty so that we can pull from it when we need it. And finally I want to just talk a little bit about the -- you know, some people, and probably soon a lot of people are going to be talking about the war on coal. And we all understand, if you look at it, that the war on coal is coal's inability to market itself. It is its inability to compete in what they like to call the free market. If it's a free market, then you have to pay your fair share from that coal that you are mining on federal land and you have to compete with Australian coal. If it's a free market, then you are going to have to compete with everybody else. If your product isn't marketable, then tough titty. Finally, I want to say that I think that the Federal Coal Leasing Program should be ended. It is time.