

MS. LEVALLEY: My name is Robbie LeValley. I'm the manager for Delta County. And as you've heard many times, Delta County has been severely impacted by not only the market pressures, but regulatory pressures, as well. I do want to thank you for being here. And I do want to thank you for staying late because it's important to everyone that's here. And from the Programmatic EIS, I want to clearly state that we want you to also consider all of the taxes that the coal mine industry pays -- not just the royalty when it comes to this EIS. And I know that after reading hundreds of NEPA documents over my short tenure -- I know that you will, but I would ask specifically that you include all of them, including the dollars that are given to the Department of Local Affairs that fund our sewer, that fund the water, that fund the economic diversity projects, that fund the recreation projects. Include all of those information in this Programmatic EIS. All of those taxes -- again, not just the royalty taxes. When I look at those, I've got to cut out -- again, specifically for 2017, out of our County budget. I have to figure out a way to cut \$500,000 out just from Bowie Mine. I have to figure out how to cut 700,000 out of our road and bridge budget. Those are real numbers that have a real impact on Delta County. And that -- those come directly from the mines. That's not just the [indiscernible] business. That's just directly from the mine. And so, I ask you just to understand that at the local level, that's 20 percent of my budget. I've looked at the BLM budget at the national level. I've looked and seen where your budget has decreased and what you have done with decreases in the budget. We are feeling the same way. A 20 percent reduction in our [indiscernible] leasing. In our severance, and in just the personal property tax to Delta County. Again, you all are in a similar boat. Not to the same extent as 20 percent. But, I would ask you to think of the Counties, as well. If we look at just what we could say as far as generating sales tax -- and we look -- because Delta County is diversifying their economy. But, if we look and say how do we replace that with sales tax? That means we have to come up with an additional \$45 million just to generate the sales tax to compensate for -- to offset what we received from Bowie Mine alone. It doesn't even take into account from West Elk in that. \$45 million -- we only have right now \$35 million worth of economic just direct. So, how do we do that overnight? We're not planning on doing it

overnight. We know we're going to live with the new normal. But, we ask you to take all that into consideration, as well. Also, in that Programmatic EIS, we specifically ask -- Delta County asks that the interconnectness between what the coal mine produces and what the solar energy and micro-hydro and methane and all of that need for their infrastructure, also be included in that EIS. There are several things that the coal mine produces for the renewable industry. Again, we just ask that you look at all of the science. We're all guilty of saying we'll just depend on sound science. Remember that in a lot of people's minds, sound science means that it sounds like the science I agree with. Thank you.