

# Federal Coal Program Programmatic EIS

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Comments (use back if needed):

Any industry-wide subsidy should be carefully structured to further the interest of the public as a whole. Coal royalty rates constitute an implicit subsidy that has not been reconsidered in 30 years. This subsidy masks the brutal effects of coal mining on Appalachian communities, from health impacts to social dislocation. We should support federal investment on Appalachia, but that investment must be redirected toward the future. Rather than funneling public funds into corporate coffers, BLM ought to encourage the just

transition to a New New Deal for  
Appalachia and the country as a whole.  
A phase-out of coal leasing on public lands  
comports with sound policy and the BLM's  
statutory obligations.