

GRIM REAPER (JACK TURNER): Good afternoon representatives of the eastern district of the Bureau of Land Management and Deputy Director. I am the Grim Reaper. I am submitting testimony today on my own behalf. I favor the continued leasing of federal public lands that they may be exploited for coal and other fossil fuels. The fossil fuel business is very good for my own business. According to the research by Dara (sp) Daily Monitor, I collect an additional 400,000 souls annually thanks to global warming, a direct result of fossil fuel use. Assuming we don't see radical change in the world's energy infrastructure and a global commitment to adaptation to climate change, which I oppose, I shall be able to reach a full half million souls annually by 2030. Furthermore, the contribution that global warming makes to my business is only a tip of the iceberg, so to speak, of the boom that the fossil fuel industry provides to my own business. According to research by the World Health Organization, air pollution provides me, my company, with nearly 7 million souls annually. Fossil fuels, like coal and petroleum, are important sources of both indoor and outdoor air pollution. While it is difficult to say how many souls I collect through water pollution, for which I have coal to thank, the contribution of the mining industry in this field is still worth mentioning. One polluter that I would like to specifically thank is Freedom Industries, a coal mining company which managed to poison the drinking water for 300,000 people in 2014 by dumping methylcyclohexane methanol into the Elk River, a tributary of the Ohio River. I'd like to thank Representative Keith Rothfus of the Pennsylvania 12th Congressional District for calling out the job killing regulations of our current administration earlier today. I am a good capitalist job creator, but I've had to delay hiring more minions of death and even let some go because fossil fuels are being threatened by wind and solar energy. It's not just my own business that is hurting. Consider, to produce the same amount of energy from solar power as from coal costs less, but creates more jobs. That might sound good on the surface, but without the crushing poverty dependent on fossil fuel extraction, people might be less likely to turn to substance abuse. This could erode the heroin business that has been making critical enhancements recently, and put drug traffickers out of work. And might I point out the harm that medical enterprises will suffer if people are healthier from cleaner air and water. I do not think the administration has thought through the consequences of this proposed public land policy and it should be stripped. Thank you for your time.