

MS. ELISON: I'm so scared, but I'm glad a lot left. You've heard everything basically from one side to the other, but there's one side I want to talk about. I'm sorry, I'm probably going to cry through this. My name is Mara Nielson Ellison. I am the wife of a SUFCO miner and I am also here to represent my father. My father had gone through and did his Master's and his Doctorate in forestry. And he had gone through and did studies on quail for the areas that they needed here in Utah to see what was going on, to make sure it was safe. Our world changes. Whether good things or bad things are going on, he still found out that it was okay for them, that they would survive. He spent a lot of his time helping in the forest and that. We own a cabin up Manti Canyon, which is not in the summer home, it's a real cabin that is up in the forestry lines. And we were lucky to keep it, being grandfathered in. I was raised in the mountains, I was raised with a family that believed in keeping it clean. Like the Cub Scout motto, except that if you're a Nielsen and you go up that road and if you see something wrong with that road, you fix that road, or if there's something else that needs to be done or someone needs help. My dad spent the last part of his life working at the ASCS office, which is -- I hope you guys know what that is or don't -- working to helping all the farmers get their funding for their thing. My dad was one of the greatest naturalists of this country. And as Commissioner Lund knew -- he'd been around my father -- my father stood behind every little thing and believed in the safety of our canyons and that and learning and respecting our community and had an incredible respect and kindness for my father. I've never seen anyone -- my hero is who he is. He made sure that no matter who you were or what you were doing and if he saw somebody up doing something wrong, he would just stop and comment, say, you know, "Please, this is something we love." We went through the hunting, we went through the respect of regrowing or whatever we needed. The last thing I wanted to say -- well, there's two really fast things. One, I want to thank you guys at the BLM land for still giving us hunters -- for the ones who don't use our licenses or get our deer or elk, whichever, and allowing us to turn it in so that we could get a Christmas tree for our children. That means a lot to us. And the very last thing I really, really want to say is our country is so in debt, why do we want to cause more debt? You know, as one of the preachers -- and I will respect, but do you know what? God gave us these resources. And why do we need to go further into debt to try other resources that are just -- I mean if it wasn't

there for us to use and for us to be able to live off and do that, I mean why would God give it to us? Thank you.