

I support the comments of both congressmen and Dr. Nelson.

The royalties from fossil fuels that are extracted from BLM lands directly impact our surrounding areas. The behind the scenes plans to shut down the extraction of fossil fuels are pushed on the BLM by special interest groups in multiple ways. You have heard from other commenters that increased royalties may push a struggling oil, gas, and coal completely out of business. I wanted to make you aware of a small portion of the impacts of royalties in the surrounding areas. These projects have been great additions to our community and either sustain or improve our way of life. They also provide jobs by local engineering and construction companies. Without funding from BLM royalties these project would either not exist or would be funded personally by each of us. I would like you to consider the social economic impacts of your decision and the true impact it will make.