

1 looking for Nos. 73, 74, 75. Okay. And No. 78; we are
2 missing 78.

3 All right. We are going to call up Group 81 through
4 85 to come over and see Katie. Amy's left right now,
5 Katie. We'll go over to Molly and Microphone No. 2.

6 MS. ALBERT: My name is Donna Albert.
7 I'm a professional engineer with a master's degree in
8 civil engineering. I'm working as an energy engineer for
9 the State of Washington. I speak for myself and not my
10 employer.

11 I'm deeply concerned about the future we are
12 creating for my grandchildren, Donavan, Terrance, Stella
13 and Brooks. Climate science has established that coal
14 and extreme fossil fuels like Bakken crude must stay in
15 the ground and we must transition away from all fossil
16 fuels, including oil and natural gas as quickly as
17 possible.

18 We have very little time to make this transition to
19 near 100 percent renewable energy if we are to avoid
20 climate catastrophe for our children. We are destroying
21 their world by burning fossil fuels. What we're doing
22 cannot be undone and it's unforgivable.

23 Order 3338 states that the PEIS should examine the
24 degree to which federal coal should support fulfilling
25 the energy needs of the United States. The answer is

1 that coal has no place in our energy future. Experts
2 like Mark Jacobson of Stanford University have provided
3 practical plans for modernizing our electricity
4 generation and electrifying our transportation system to
5 completely eliminate the use of fossil fuels.

6 As an engineer, I am telling you that the barriers
7 to implementing a transition to wind, water, and solar
8 electricity and transportation are not technical or
9 economic. The barriers are cultural and systemic.

10 In 2050 my oldest grandson Donovan will be 50 years
11 old, possibly looking into the eyes of his own
12 grandchildren. Will they be living in a world like ours
13 or will they be in an unstable world that cannot -- we
14 cannot imagine, incapable of supporting civilization, a
15 difficult physical environment with billions displaced,
16 starving or embroiled in conflict?

17 BLM has a moral obligation to make the moratorium on
18 new leases permanent and to negotiate the closure of
19 existing active leases as part of a rapid coordinated
20 transition off fossil fuels.

21 As a government employee, I understand that you are
22 implementing the PEIS according to set laws and policies.
23 However, you do not have three years if we are to achieve
24 the goals of COP21. As human beings who are dependent on
25 the earth for a stable climate, food and water, please

1 recognize that BLM must do whatever is necessary to
2 protect Americans from climate change. If the rules
3 don't allow you to negotiate the closing of existing
4 fossil fuel leases, change the rules. It is
5 irresponsible for the federal government to continue to
6 enable massive extraction and burning of fossil fuels.

7 I'll provide written references to support this
8 statement in a PEIS comment. Thank you.

9 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

10 MADELEINE: Hi. I'm going to be
11 another weird one. My name is the Madeleine. I work as
12 Greenpeace's campaign coordinator for the state of
13 Oregon. So it's actually I don't have a big dog in this
14 fight. We're going to stop the trains anyway. It's not
15 a big deal.

16 I wanted to just say that, you know, the people in
17 this room who had the authority to make the decision that
18 we're all here to talk about today have already spoken.
19 You know, the case for indigenous rights is open and
20 shut. The case for stewardship is open and shut. The
21 case for treaty rights is open and shut. And we do not
22 have the permission to dig coal out of public lands, out
23 of any lands and we certainly don't have the permission
24 to drag it up the Columbia River and ship it to China.

25 So instead of trying to say more awesome super cool