

1 resources, renewables, and perhaps nuclear. It is
2 bringing in no-carbon electric vehicle system that will
3 cut oil usage in half. Apply IT to energy, the world's
4 largest business, has brought global competition.

5 So the issue for Americans is less fair return on
6 coal and much more developing policies that enhance, not
7 block, U.S. opportunity. Making coal pay its way levels
8 the playing field for energy IT, for solar, even for
9 nuclear. Doing the opposite by continuing to subsidize
10 coal leases will help send this opportunity to other
11 countries. Thank you.

12 MR. ESTRADA: [Speaking in Native
13 language.]

14 Good afternoon. My name is Raymond Estrada. I'm a
15 member of the Yakama Nation and also an elected official
16 of the general council to the Yakama Nation. But I come
17 here as a member of the Celilo Indian community, which
18 the railroad sits from where I'm standing to the end of
19 the stage, is where the railroad is behind our houses.

20 And I come here as an eyewitness to the effects of
21 coal and the effects of the climate change on a
22 traditional level. This year alone we've had -- we've
23 seen a -- the earliest harvest of our traditional foods.
24 It's been about a month, month and a half early, and
25 we've also seen the shortest harvest our foods, our

1 traditional foods that we hold dear to us.

2 It's only been about two weeks that we've been able
3 to gather our foods that we rely on for many events
4 throughout the year, many traditional funerals,
5 traditional gatherings that we cannot support most of
6 these gatherings anymore because the food is not there
7 because of the climate change.

8 And I am also a traditional fisherman and have
9 witnessed many things happen on the Columbia River. I've
10 seen a lot of fish and a lot of the effects that we, as
11 people, have had on the salmon itself and on the sturgeon
12 and all the other river ecosystem, and one being taking
13 our Celilo Falls away to build a railroad bridge and the
14 dams on the Columbia River for electricity.

15 I encourage the Bureau of Land Management to have a
16 hearing just for tribal leadership because we are nations
17 within a nation. We are with the United States but we
18 are separate. We reserved that right in our traditional
19 treaties.

20 And I would hope that you would hear my words and
21 address our leaders through not only in the Yakama Nation
22 but all the nations throughout the United States that are
23 affected by this and our traditional foods that are
24 affected by this.

25 I just come here today and I'm showing my utmost

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1 respect for everybody, and I pray for the people of
2 Wyoming and the people that are directly affected by coal
3 that other resources will become available for you. I
4 just wanted to let you know that we hold something to our
5 hearts that no matter what happens, the Creator will
6 provide for you. You don't need to put yourselves and
7 your people at risk to have this coal for money. You
8 know, don't hold that to your highest value.

9 I know, I am here too to provide for my daughter and
10 her future. And I don't want my culture or my cultural
11 foods to be something I have to tell her as history
12 instead of something she can go out and do herself.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. CARPITA: Good morning. My name
15 is Dan Carpita. It takes me a long time to introduce
16 myself in a traditional way so I'll just cut through
17 that. And I apologize to begin with for reading to you.
18 Again, I -- I can't talk for three minutes at anything.

19 I'm going to quote some words from Jamie Sams' book
20 Earth Medicine.

21 "It's time to honor the gift of family by taking our
22 roles of guardians of our resources. We are being asked
23 to become the general caretakers that the Great Mystery
24 intended us to be. The separation of a fourth world is
25 coming to an end. It is time. We must now face the