

1 air, we who as grandparents raise cattle on grasslands  
2 and aquifers mined 40 years ago and not yet reclaimed, we  
3 who wait interminably at rail crossings in our small  
4 towns and large cities. There must be a new means of  
5 assuring competition in bidding, transparent lease  
6 valuation, transparent royalty collection stripped of  
7 loopholes and unaudited self-reporting.

8 The new program must treat fairly a broad range of  
9 stakeholders, including U.S. taxpayers, host state  
10 taxpayers, ranchers and recreationists forced off public  
11 lands for too long.

12 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

13 MR. GOLDEN: Hello. Thanks for this  
14 opportunity and for your patience and durability in  
15 listening to today's testimony.

16 My name is KC Golden. I'm with Climate Solutions  
17 and 350.org, and I am reminded today of the words of John  
18 Maynard Keynes who said, The trouble is not so much in  
19 coming up with new ideas. It's in escaping the old ones.

20 And we ask for your help now in escaping the old  
21 ideas and delivering on the new ideas that we know are  
22 available.

23 I've spent my whole career and my whole adult life  
24 in the private and public sectors developing clean energy  
25 solutions and I am here to affirm today that they are

1 indeed ready to go. The U.S. Department of Energy  
2 delivery report in 2012 called Revolution Now documenting  
3 the launch of the clean energy revolution four or five  
4 years ago. It has only accelerated since then.

5 90 percent plus of the new electric generating  
6 capacity developed worldwide in 2015 was clean energy.  
7 So the new ideas are absolutely ready. We have every  
8 reason to believe we can make this transition and we can  
9 make it in a just and economical way that produces more  
10 shared prosperity than the coal industry ever could.

11 We know with even more certainty that we must make  
12 this transition. And I saw you had a complicated list of  
13 evaluation factors for the PEIS, and all of them deserve  
14 consideration. I'm confident that they'll get  
15 consideration.

16 I don't think you should think of climate as one of  
17 those factors to be traded off against others. We know  
18 the mathematics, the physics of climate. We know the  
19 carbon budget that we must live within in order to  
20 preserve human civilization as we know it. Those numbers  
21 are embodied in the human framework on climate change and  
22 in the Paris treaty, and I think we can treat that as a  
23 hard constraint as an imperative so that whatever you  
24 decide on coal leasing needs to operate and keep us  
25 within that carbon budget.

1           So in closing I'll just say, you know, we know that  
2 we have to do this. We know and have every reason to  
3 believe and every reason to have confidence that we can  
4 do it. The question that you are now called upon to help  
5 us answer is whether we will do it, whether we have the  
6 brains and the will and the guts and the vision to do  
7 what we know is right and necessary and accelerate this  
8 transition from the fossil fuel to the clean energy age.

9           I think I speak for most of the people in this room  
10 in saying we think we do and we are asking you as our  
11 government for your help in making that possible in  
12 creating the space in which we can win this transition to  
13 our only viable future in the next few decades. Thank  
14 you.

15                               MR. BATTIS: We are still looking for  
16 41.

17           If we could have Group 51 through 55 come up and see  
18 Amy, we'll get you situated.

19           Ready to move over here to No. 46 on Microphone No.  
20 2.

21                               MR. HOEFT: Hi. My name is Bruce  
22 Hoeft. I am the chair of the conservation committee of  
23 Tahoma Audubon Society, and today I'd like to speak on  
24 behalf of birds, but I'd also like to speak on behalf of  
25 science; science because I've heard a lot of stories here