

1 ice jam and most of those had been rebuilt the year
2 before from the tornado.

3 In 2015 and the second highest acres burned in
4 Montana history. Now just a few days ago an EF3 tornado
5 hit Baker, Montana and destroyed six homes and damaged 50
6 more. If we cannot reverse climate change, it will make
7 it very difficult to continue to operate as a farmer or
8 rancher.

9 In this PEIS the Department must account for the
10 costs of putting more carbon in the atmosphere for the
11 coal leases.

12 Thank you for allowing me to comment.

13 MS. LINET: Hello. My name is Cynthia
14 Linet. I'm an artist and a political activist and I used
15 to be a lawyer.

16 I'm here to tell you that we the people are opposed
17 to all extraction of fossil fuels from our public lands.
18 I don't -- thank you. I don't have to tell you that
19 climate change is real, do I? The science is in.

20 Climate change is the existential threat of our
21 time. You know what that means, existential threat, it
22 will be the end of us if we don't do something about it.

23 We must stop all use and extraction of fossil fuels
24 now before it's too late. We are already seeing the
25 ravages of climate change and those in the poor South who

1 have done nothing to bring about these changes are those
2 who have been most affected. Droughts, floods, and mass
3 migrations due to war brought about by scarcity of
4 resources, 60 million migrants in the world right now.
5 60 million.

6 Even in our own land we have seen these effects;
7 mass floodings from Louisiana to New Jersey, forest fires
8 that burn unabated with forest -- excuse me --
9 firefighters unable to contend them -- contain them, heat
10 waves that kill. The costs of these events have run in
11 the billions. But you know all that, don't you?

12 Do you think that you will get out of this by dying
13 before the privileged North is severely affected? Well,
14 maybe. But what about your children and their children?
15 Do you not think that they will suffer severely in times
16 to come? If we don't stop now, they will.

17 And how will you explain your positions to your
18 children when they ask you what you did to stop the
19 effects of climate change? We do not want more fracking
20 and extraction of fossil fuels. The land you are
21 considering giving away to these evil industries belong
22 to the people. They are public lands and we have the
23 right to say what is done with them.

24 I urge you to get on the right side of history and
25 to do the right thing here. No more leases on our lands

1 to those who would exploit our resources merely for money
2 and who care not about the consequences of their actions.

3 Do not reinstate the leasing program and let's phase
4 out of fossil fuels quickly so that we can have a safe
5 environment for our future. Thank you.

6 MR. BATTIS: So, Panel Members, there's
7 a rumor we're in for a special treat here.

8 MS. MASCALL: Good afternoon. We are
9 the Raging Grannies, a social and environmental justice
10 group, and we'd like to give you our testimony in the
11 form of a song.

12 [Singing] Oh, We're a gaggle of grannies urging you
13 off of your fannies. These trains filled with oil make
14 our blood boil. Keep it in the ground. The CO2 keeps on
15 rising. This isn't really surprising since it's driven
16 by greed, we must intercede, keep it in the ground.

17 If there's to be a future for beings on this earth,
18 we will take to the streets and make our voices heard, so
19 join this gaggle of grannies, get up off of your fannies.
20 We're telling you now we're angry and how, keep it in the
21 ground. We really mean it. Keep it in the ground. We
22 mean precisely, keep it in the ground. We will say it
23 very nicely, keep it keep it in the ground. Read our
24 lips. Keep it in the ground.

25 Thank you.