

Federal Coal Program Programmatic EIS

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Comments (use back if needed):

I am 25 years old, a first generation American, and a PhD student in Electrical Engineering. As a young person, I care deeply about the future of my generation and my planet. Many of the decisions about coal leasing were made years before I was born, let alone before I could vote. I need my public officials to make drastic and responsible reforms to ensure not only that my public lands are protected and I am fairly compensated as a taxpayer, but also that communities and workers in the coal industry are fairly transitioned to clean energy jobs. I came to this hearing to make sure my voice is heard. As a scientist, I know the detrimental impacts that fossil fuels have on the environment. We cannot wait to make the change to clean energy. We already see too many negative consequences to our oceans, to our air, to our wildlife. We cannot stand by and allow carbon emissions to destroy our planet. We need change now. As a first generation American, I believe it is our responsibility to be a world leader in making the change to clean energy. It is also our responsibility to ~~regulate~~ regulate our export

of coal to ensure that we are not contributing to the problem
by enabling other countries to generate energy irresponsibly.
~~energy~~ We don't need more data to tell us that if
we don't make drastic reforms (and encourage others to do
the same), our planet is in major trouble. Please keep the
fossil fuels in the ground. It's the responsible thing to do.
Thank you for listening.