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1 entire period of the least for the coal extracted in
2 future years and not just the value during the first year
3 of the lease. Thank you.

4 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

5 MS. SCHOETTLER: Hi. I'm Joanna
6 Schoettler from Seattle, Washington. I come from a train
7 family, Northern Pacific and Great Northern and
8 Burlington Northern, and I've also grown up in Seattle,
9 Washington State, but I've also been across the country
10 three times on trains because of my dad's work. He was
11 working with taxes, so I've know all the tax assessors
12 along the tracks, and then I also traveled in 40 states
13 and one of them, I have been down in coal country in the
14 Appalachians when they had the strikes in '89. I was
15 down there doing some reconciliation with the Fellowship
16 of Reconciliation down there and so I've seen what coal
17 does to the people, which is down there, no sewage. Did
18 you know they had no sewage in Appalachian country? So
19 the coal companies didn't give them or create any sewer
20 system for them. So that's what they do to their people.

21 So I want to go on from there. So I usually say
22 when I tell people about coal and fossil fuels that we
23 can live without fossil fuel products but we can't live
24 without clean water. And as you saw on our signs, it
25 says coal costs us our money, our health, our lands and

1 our future, so keep the fossil fuel in the ground. It's
2 not worth it for sustainability of our public health.

3 This Pacific Northwest region is the site of the
4 Salish Sea and its waters, its land and air are extremely
5 sacred to all who call this place home. It gives people
6 pleasure, beauty. It gives people awe. It gives people
7 food. It gives people the cleanest water in the nation.
8 It gives us wine. It gives us hops in the country and
9 hard ciders. It gives us apples and energy, joy and
10 happiness.

11 We in the Pacific Northwest are committed to this
12 clean water, soil, and healthy beings for the region and
13 the world and we support good, clean jobs that support
14 local industries like fishing, farming, and services.
15 And we support all communities having clean air, water,
16 and land. And so we refuse to allow crude oil trains,
17 toxic gas, fracking manufacturing, and all relations with
18 the poisons and dirty poisonous coal.

19 If the coal companies want to pollute, they need to
20 really pay for it in real terms. As a property manager I
21 have a split with my broker at 60/40 for my cut, so I
22 don't see why they don't also pay the 60/40 cut or
23 something like that.

24 And the owners, my owners on the month I have to get
25 paid, they pay me in 8 to 10 percent of my monthly fees

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1 just to do work for them. So there should be something
2 like that because we are going to have lots of work with
3 that land once they leave.

4 The rates at BLM have not been fair market rate.
5 Currently it's at \$3 a year per ton; is that correct?
6 And someone mentioned here it's going to cost \$70 a ton
7 in real American tax dollars. So to have them also think
8 about paying for the cleanups since they eventually are
9 going bankrupt, we've seen Arch Coal and Peabody Energy
10 in the last year, and then who is going to be stuck with
11 this? \$3 dollars a year is not going to pay for
12 restoration.

13 I'm going to keep going. The coal companies are not
14 going to clean up spills or the coal ash fully. We
15 haven't even talked about coal ash today. There's really
16 no effective technologies that we've developed and if you
17 want to add the fracking of the methane gas emissions,
18 which is going to cause further damages, we haven't even
19 talked about that which is also in there is they want to
20 actually add fracking to this.

21 So it's not fair return for the owners not to have
22 the lands restored, no matter how many owners the deed
23 passes. It's not fair practice.

24 So I'm going to go down and keep on going about the
25 Wyoming and it doesn't seem fair. I'm also going to talk

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1 about the Columbia River, the Spokane River, the Snake
2 River and all about it.

3 And so what I also want to say -- I'm sorry, but
4 I've got -- but the crabs. Do you realize that the crabs
5 still --

6 MR. BATTIS: Excuse me, ma'am.

7 MS. SCHOETTLER: I've got it --

8 MR. BATTIS: We have other folks that
9 would like to speak.

10 MS. SCHOETTLER: Crab shells and
11 oysters beds are dying. You don't understand that this
12 is really important to the people of the Pacific
13 Northwest, and it's really important for us to protect
14 our fishing rights because if it wasn't for the fishing
15 rights, we would be really screwed.

16 And so thank goodness for the First Nations. Do you
17 also realize that when they did the Point Roberts Treaty
18 in 1855, we're right now in the seventh generation. So
19 what have we done for the past 200 years?

20 MR. BATTIS: We would like to honor --

21 MS. SCHOETTLER: What's next? So
22 please, please, stop these leases and protect the people,
23 protect land and protect our waters or we're dead.

24 MR. BATTIS: Okay. Thank you. And I'm
25 sorry we have a three-minute limit, but we have a lot of

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1 folks and we want to make sure everybody has a chance to
2 speak.

3 Ma'am?

4 MS. SIMON: Thank you. My name is
5 Lorali Simon. I will be respectful of your three
6 minutes.

7 Jesus loves me. I'm a coal miner, and I'm here
8 representing the Alaska Coal Association. While it is
9 unclear to me why you are having this meeting in downtown
10 Seattle on coal leasing in federal areas, I nonetheless
11 appreciate the opportunity to provide remarks against the
12 moratorium and the proposed changes.

13 I appreciate Doc Hastings' comments in the paper
14 today calling out the absolute hypocrisy of the
15 Department by having this meeting so far away from
16 America's coal fields.

17 In 2013 the GOA and the Department Inspector
18 General, DOI Inspector General produced reports which
19 contained minor recommendations for improvements to the
20 Federal Coal Program. These reports confirmed that the
21 federal leasing program is sound and contributes
22 substantial benefits to American taxpayers. Neither
23 report called for a widespread revision to the program,
24 nor did they adjust royalty rates.

25 BLM has already taken action on those items -- on