

1 country bearing significant pollution impacts and traffic
2 impacts that we can't bear. Thank you.

3 MS. SMITH: [Speaking in Native
4 language.]

5 My Indian name is Musulcha [phonetic]. I'm of Wasco
6 descendant from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,
7 also Yakama. I have in-laws that are from Lummi, so I
8 guess just to say previous ones that were up here are my
9 family, Shayleen that talked about being a fisherwoman
10 and the family of three, that's my niece would be like my
11 daughter, and Shane is named after my son Shane. And our
12 young man taught us we should be talking oral tradition,
13 but I've got to use my notes or I'll forget.

14 We're all here dressed in red. Those are -- that
15 are in opposition to coal and the mining of. I'm here to
16 say, you know, cease the coal mining. We not only dress
17 in red. Some of us have on our traditional and that's
18 what we do to represent ourselves, we represent our
19 families, we represent our tribes.

20 The way that we are taught, you represent those that
21 are not able to speak, for the voiceless, those not able
22 to be here, Mother Earth, Father Sky, the land, the
23 rocks, the trees, the plants, the four-legged animals,
24 those that fly and those that swim, especially our
25 salmon, and that's what we're talking about today.

1 All of those mentioned are contaminated by coal dust
2 and the recent spills, not just now but previously, and
3 those that will continue to happen. Three years, people,
4 that's too long to wait. You know, we need that cease
5 now. And I ask the ceasing of coal mining and the
6 transport across our lands.

7 The Wyoming people, I appreciate you coming this way
8 and wanting to talk about your making a living, but I
9 must say you cannot do it on the backs of our tribal
10 people or on the backs of all of us who live along the
11 Columbia, and for our land, the Deschutes River.

12 The testing is proven, the documentation is there,
13 the other people that speak of this, you know, that it
14 definitely is a negative. So we are stewards of the
15 lands. We waste not, want not. I strongly object to
16 coal transport due to contamination of the air, land, and
17 water, the negative impacts, coal dust, noise effect, the
18 water, a special concern as we're saying, you know, we're
19 here to set an example, the responsibility of family,
20 tribal elders to teach gathering and care of our revered
21 ceremonial traditional foods, our salmon, deer, elk,
22 roots, the chokecherries and the berries that are in our
23 traditional lineup of gatherings. Thank you very much.

24 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon. My name
25 is Janice Smith and I am here representing my