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1 oil. And there is places in Wyoming that have been
2 decimated, including Pinedale, by the oil industry. So
3 that's my end. I'm kind of pro coal.

4 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

5 Number 151 followed by 152.

6 MS. STILLER: My name is Grace
7 Stiller. I am from Burien, Washington and I am
8 representing a nonprofit called Nature's Stewards, and
9 also I've got an email from the Natural Wildlife
10 Federation saying that this opportunity to speak was
11 available, and their comment as the National Wildlife
12 Federation was keep coal in the ground to save wildlife
13 for future generations.

14 The Nature Steward's program, I am the executive
15 director and also the policy coordinator. We work with
16 youths, engage them in environmental activities. And the
17 youths that have gone through the Weed Warriors Nature
18 Stewards Program are very concerned about this issue and
19 wanted me to voice on their behalf where they stand. And
20 they're asking to please keep the coal in the ground,
21 consider their future.

22 It's the leadership's responsibility to protect
23 Mother Earth. We heard from our tribal leaders, and I
24 honor all their statements and am just so overwhelmed
25 with everyone here that has supported keeping coal in the

1 ground.

2 I would like to challenge you that this is the time
3 to accelerate America's shift away from the dirty
4 carbon-based fuels of the past to the cleaner, more
5 efficient fuels of the future. The federal government
6 should continue investing in clean energy and stop
7 subsidizing private companies to take coal from public
8 lands. Please keep it in the ground.

9 I understand BLM needs to update its science and
10 rethink the government's role in the coal market, and I
11 recognize that public land has a better and more
12 long-term use than coal strip mining. Our stand is to
13 extend that moratorium and please consider that.

14 I was raised during the era where the phrase "give
15 peace a chance" was real popular, so I'm asking you to
16 give peace a chance with the environment. Let's stop
17 waging war by strip mining and allowing those leases to
18 continue. And I'd like to change that phrase for the
19 next generation which are the millennials and they are
20 educated, they care about environmental sciences. One of
21 the kids that went through our program got a degree in
22 physics. Solar -- will take solar cells. This phrase
23 should be, give alternative -- give alternative power a
24 chance.

25 Thank you.