

1 row of photography. And it happened yesterday, it's GIS
2 stamped and time stamped. I want you to know, toppings
3 don't work. It's a joke.

4 And then of course there's temperature change,
5 right? And acidification. Thank you.

6 MR. WALKSNICE: [Speaking in Native
7 language.] Good day. My Cheyenne name is 20 Stands. My
8 name is Kaden Walksnice and I'm kind of scared to speak
9 to you guys right now because I do like my job, but I'm
10 standing up for my people. I'm a DOI employee, but my
11 people come first, my land comes first.

12 I'm from the Northern Cheyenne tribe in Southeast
13 Montana. I'm only 23 years old and so I'm one of the
14 youth members speaking on behalf of all my youth tribal
15 members.

16 I didn't come prepared with any speech at all. I
17 actually just came off a fire in Colorado and this is how
18 much I care about my land and my people.

19 My tribe has partnered with the Lummi tribe for the
20 past few years to stop coal mining exports to protect our
21 people, our land. Our Northern Cheyenne tribe is in the
22 middle of the Powder River Basin, so anything that the
23 BLM does with coal, we are affected. Our elders, our
24 youth, our children are affected by the decisions from
25 the BLM.

1 Our reservation is almost surrounded by coal mines,
2 and we're fighting to protect our land. And in fact, the
3 Powder River coal basin is all ancestral Cheyenne
4 territory from Montana all the way down into Colorado.
5 So anything that happens affects our people.

6 I'm also into anthropology and government
7 consultation, so I know what needs to happen and what you
8 guys failed to do. Our tribe does not want coal
9 development. We've stood against it since 1970. We
10 continue to fight against it and since 1970 we've held
11 off all the coal companies trying to develop on our
12 ancestral lands and will continue to fight. As long as
13 I'm here I will continue to fight for my generation, my
14 elders, and to protect our land.

15 And I'd like to thank the indigenous tribes that are
16 from here for hosting us. Not the BLM, but the original
17 peoples that had this land. Thank you.

18 MR. BATTIS: Thank you. Thanks for
19 working the fire lines for us.

20 Sir?

21 MR. QUINN: [Speaking in Native
22 language.] My name is William Quinn, my English name.
23 My real name is Clowen [phonetic]. I'm from Warm
24 Springs. And you know, what you've heard from our people
25 today that we've been taught by our elders for