

Trout Unlimited – Oral Testimony

Thank you very much, and good afternoon everyone. I submitted a written comment, so I am going to keep this short and sweet.

My name is Crystal Elliott Perez, and I am the Washington State Habitat Director for Trout Unlimited.

And we are here to urge the DOE to consider removing prohibitions on abandoned mine reclamation funding and the prohibitions that are currently in the WAC. Trout Unlimited accesses 319 in other states for this purpose. We have done a number of successful cleanup projects, been in mine cleanup projects and subsequent habitat restoration in other states, and we would love to do it here in WA. So we have been working with the DOE to try to figure out a solution for this with various departments within DOE, and this is one good opportunity that we see. So, thank you very much for the opportunity to comment.