

Sierra Club

My name is Stephanie Hellman. I'm a campaign representative with Sierra Club. I want to thank you for the opportunity to comment today. I really appreciate all the powerful comments that have been given today in opposition to this project. As others have said before, we know you've heard the scientific facts, and I know you're going to receive a lot more of them in writing. So I want to take this opportunity to express my frustration and concern in listening to a debate on whether or not we take part in helping burn down the planet basically, just maybe a little bit slower. It was especially hard to listen to this last week, as we were all choking on wildfire smoke.

This analysis offers a false choice here and I really hope that that is recognized. It's disappointing also that a state that is considered to be [inaudible] leader with strong climate goals that recognize our need to drastically cut emissions, that we're considering approving a hugely polluting project because we think it might be better than a slightly more polluting one. We need the Department of Ecology to be a leader here and just say no to this permit. This is not okay. Again, I thank you very much for this opportunity.