

Statement by Paul Nelson

My name is Paul Nelson and I live on the Big Coal River in Boone County. I want to speak to you about the Buffer Zone Ruling. I am against changing the buffer zone ruling. Keep the Buffer Zone as it is. I have maps here that show where the coal is in WV. There is hardly anywhere in the state that is not in danger of being affected by MTR. I also have maps of toxic releases and toxic waste sites. This is not acceptable. There may be a time when we have to depend on these streams for our water supply. If our water systems should come under terrorist attack we may need these streams for our survival. There is no need to destroy these streams. We can deep mine the coal and keep our streams intact, not to mention the employment of many more people. There is nothing more important than our water supply and our air. Keep the Buffer Zone the way that it is.