

1 **VANESSA BRAIDED HAIR:** (Speaking Cheyenne

2 language.) Hello, my name is Vanessa Braided Hair. I'm a
3 Northern Cheyenne wild land firefighter and I'm here to
4 represent my tribe.

5 I came 640 miles from the Northern Cheyenne res in
6 Montana to say this construction you coal companies call
7 opportunity will devastate my homeland that my ancestors
8 fought and died for, and I will not stand by and let you
9 Army Corps of Engineers further destroy and pollute the
10 water, air, land and future of the Cheyenne people.

11 I want you Army Corps of Engineers to study the
12 impact that will be caused by new coal mines that will be
13 built to feed these export terminals. These coal mines will
14 be built on my family's original homestead, and I do not
15 want that. I want you to study the impacts on the Tongue
16 River, our cultural sites, our economy, railroad traffic,
17 our air quality and our wildlife. I do not want this
18 country to be the sacrificial lamb for China.

19 Consider alternative -- alternative energy. Let's
20 go beyond coal, and stop the destruction of our mother
21 earth. Thank you.