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Comments: The NEPA should consider and respond to the following concerns on the Heavener Coal

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1)CLIMATE IMPACT- the process of retrieving the coal produces methane gas, a known CO2 gas, carbon gasses produced in transporting coal from rural AR to an overseas location is huge. This is NOT an acceptable impact. The USFS plan to respond to climate change must be followed.

2)WATER IMPACT-the water tables, ground water and surface water in nearby streams and the Poteau River would be effected by mine drainage including toxic metals. NEPA must address the impact to water.

3)LAND DISTURBANCE- there would be disturbances to federal lands including herbicide use. Impact to these areas must be addressed in the NEPA.