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1 such as the unpredictable, easily provoked, bad-attitude  
2 grizzly bear.

3 With the introduction of the wolf this has  
4 changed some as people are now expressing their fear in  
5 some areas of even letting their small children and  
6 their pets play outside. What is it going to be like  
7 with the grizzly bear? The citizens of Custer County  
8 have presented their commissioners with petitions that  
9 contain over 1,350 signatures demanding us to do  
10 whatever is necessary to protect them and their property  
11 from the grizzly. What would you do? I believe we the  
12 commissioners are committed to do exactly that, with all  
13 the power and authority we have.

14 We are concerned about the economy of the  
- 15 state, also. We believe that the grizzly bear is going  
- 16 to create an impact on the economy in many areas. We  
- 17 have already been heavily impacted by this Endangered  
- 18 Species Act; because of listing species in our area,  
- 19 grazing has been cut, logging curtailed, mining is  
- 20 heavily regulated and even recreation has been  
- 21 affected.

22 I am going to skip to some other -- I have got  
23 lots of good stuff -- it takes forever to tell what is  
24 wrong --

25 HEARING OFFICER: But you only have five

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2 MR. STRICKLER: Some visitors and users of our  
3 area are already expressing that the introduction of the  
4 grizzly bear here will probably keep them from using the  
5 area from now on. There is also the greater fear, I  
6 think, that's larger than the fear of the bear, that's  
7 the fear of the heavy hand of the government that's  
8 going to administer this bear.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. STRICKLER: When a bear gets killed, you  
11 collect a hundred thousand dollars for the bear, find  
12 the man; if a child gets killed, they get nothing.  
13 Where is the value system here?