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MR. WILLIAMS: Hello. My name is Ray H. Williams, III.

Locally I'm the fire chief. I also serve the County Advisory Board to manage wildlife.

1 I'm not going to get into the philosophy of the federal storage area for all this waste. But should the site at Yucca Mountain be selected, I feel the safest transportation would be the rail corridors option. I don't think heavy hauling should be considered as a transportation option, and I just feel that that is an option that shouldn't be considered at all from a safety standpoint. I think the rail corridors, whichever one you select, would be the best and safest option anywhere in the United States.

And I do believe that should the corridors be selected, that multiple use should be allowed. I think the communities, the mines, the industry, and all that could be in partnership with the DOE on that, and they would support the communities.

2 On the county wildlife end of it, there was some discussion on fencing and things like that. And I think that I have seen enough information on wildlife patterns, grazing habitats and things like that. I think it needs to be looked into, what kind of migration problems we might have with the local wildlife, on each of the railroad routes. And I think that would be an easy thing to accomplish.

3 And the last thing I would like to say is I tried to find a more detailed map on exactly where the railroads go, particularly Lander County, and that wasn't available. Thank you.

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