

ELIZABETHTON STAR

Reader shares thoughts on mountaintop removal

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Editor:

I would like to thank The STAR and the Bonnie Kate Theatre for having the courage to educate the public on the devastating consequences of mountain top removal. For too many years coal companies kept their dirty little secret locally thinking they only had to deal with the poor people living in the communities they were destroying.

Today in the age of communication, there is a groundswell of opposition nationwide as people find out how they turn communities into ghost towns unfit for even the ghosts. Daily blasting that would drive even the sane crazy, contamination of water supplies, burying of rivers and streams, killing of wildlife, crimes against God's creation, flooding that drowned over 100 people, and for what? So the heads of the corporations can walk away with hundreds of millions of dollars? Their argument is that they provide jobs. Fact is, thousands of jobs were lost as they mechanized and broke the backs of unions. Alternative energy systems would employ thousands without all the destruction.

It's all part of the deception and lies they feed the public so they can profit from their disgraceful agenda. Shockingly they have already destroyed over 500 mountains in West Virginia and Kentucky and are starting in Tennessee. Sadly they could not carry out their criminal actions if it weren't for their political allies in Congress.

If a foreign nation came over here and did what the coal companies are doing, we would be declaring war and mustering an army to defend the homeland, but corporations simply use corrupt politicians and change laws to their advantage when they should be prosecuted for genocide and environmental devastation. We need to expose their allies in Congress and make sure that they are kicked out of office for not protecting the people who they represent!

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