



Coal River Wind

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About The Coal River Wind Project

The Coal River Mountain Wind Project is being led by concerned citizens residing in the Coal River Valley of West Virginia. Work is based out of [Coal River Mountain Watch](#) in Raleigh and Boone County, WV. Partners include [Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition](#), [Appalachian Voices](#), and the [Student Environmental Action Coalition](#).

Lorelei Scarbro, lorelei@crmw.net, is a community organizer at Coal River Mountain Watch. Lorelei is the granddaughter, daughter, and widow of West Virginia coal miners. The home in which she lives was built by her late husband, who passed away due to black lung. He was an underground coal miner for 35 years. He is buried in the family cemetery which is adjacent to their home. Lorelei's land, home, the family cemetery, and surrounding environment are now faced with the threat of mountaintop removal coal mining on Coal River Mountain. The Coal River Wind project would preserve her family's land and history for generations to come.

Rory McIlmoil, ror@coalriverwind.org, is a recent graduate of American University, where he earned a Master of Arts in Global Environmental Politics. He wrote his thesis on Mountaintop Removal in West Virginia, entitled "One Step Back Towards Almost Heaven: A Production-Based Proposal for the Elimination of Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining in West Virginia." In 2007, Rory worked as a Research Assistant with Appalachian Voices for 8 months, and is now working at Coal River Mountain Watch as a coordinator on the Coal River Wind Project in southern West Virginia.

About Coal River Mountain Watch

Coal River Mountain Watch (CRMW) is a grassroots organization begun in 1998 in response to the fear and frustration of people living near or downstream from huge mountaintop removal sites. The small group of volunteers worked to organize the residents of southern West Virginia to fight for social, economic, and environmental justice. Since then, CRMW has become a major force in opposition to mountaintop removal. Co-director Julia Bonds was the 2003 Goldman Prize winner for North America. CRMW's efforts figure prominently in Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s book *Crimes against Nature*, Michael Shnayerson's *Coal River*, as well as dozens of documentaries, books, and articles. In addition to The Coal River Wind Project, CRMW has been active working for clean water in communities whose wells have been poisoned by coal processing, and working to protect Marsh Fork Elementary School from a coal slurry dam and coal preparation plant. Call (304) 546 8473 or visit www.crmw.net