



## Coal River

**The two sides of America's energy future are at war in the coalfields of West Virginia.**

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Two opposing sides of America's energy future are at war in the coalfields of southern West Virginia.

Massey Energy, a coal company, wants to mine Coal River Mountain using a surface mining technique called mountaintop removal, but local residents and environmentalists through acts of civil disobedience are trying to save the mountain in order to build a wind farm instead and mine coal underground.

This struggle at local level reveals a national conflict, confronting global warming while simultaneously stimulating the US economy.

Residents are hoping that Barack Obama, the US president, who criticised mountaintop removal as a presidential candidate, will intervene by banning the practice altogether, probably the only way the wind project on Coal River Mountain could prevail.

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