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CC: Parties of Record

RE: Docket No. FD 36471

Dear Cynthia,

As I landowner in Chaffee County, I am writing to request that neither Colorado Midland & Pacific Railway or Colorado Pacific Railroad, or any other railroad companies, shall be allowed to restart service on the Tennessee Pass rail line.

The Arkansas River Valley is one of the most stunning regions of Colorado. Snow-capped fourteen thousand foot peaks create a Switzerland-like backdrop for endless recreational opportunities including some of the most classic whitewater rafting runs in the world; gold medal fly fishing; wilderness backpacking and wildlife/bird viewing.

It was one of the places people flocked to last year to get away from the confines of urban COVID-19 shutdowns.

Please help us preserve it by rejecting all the proposals to revive rail service on the Tennessee Pass Rail Line.

Since the railroad went dormant in 1997 to problems associated with derailments, this area has become a crown jewel of our state. The possibility that trains carrying crude oil exempt from regulations could be chugging through this stunning valley, Browns Canyon National Monument and its gold-medal fishing water feels like a potent disrespect to what we all now know we so desperately need: pristine natural environments and wide open spaces.

Please Cynthia, just say no to any proposals to reinstate railroad service on the Tennessee Pass Rail line. And if it comes down to it, please say no to Colorado Midland and Pacific Railroad's request for an exemption from regulations if they are granted a lease.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Carol Flynn
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