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As a concerned citizen and land owner, I wish to file the following comments regarding the proposed GLBT rail line.

We are in Ogle County. We are concerned!

GLBT closing blacktop and gravel roads is not a good idea, because people in the county need emergency people, ambulance service, school bus routes, fire trucks, rerouting traffic off interstate 39, farm tractors rely on off road travel (blacktops and gravel roads) to move from one farm to another. To make matters worse, auto drivers get really impatient with slow highway traffic. Tractors travel at 20 mph or less.

GLBT is not thinking of property owners or their safety either.

GLBT is cutting through land that blocks off land owners or renters access to property they farm. That is not right.

I suggest to use the existing railroad track. GLBT is tearing up so much land that is used to feed America. Corn,soybeans,hay,grassland, food crops such as sweet corn,peas,beans etc. This has a impact on wildlife also.

We also feel the safety problems that GLBT closing off gravel and blacktop roads could someday hinder the movement of the national guard or peace corps service in the event of a emergency. The major highways may not be enough. Especially if traffic is congested with slow moving vehicles. So you can guess, accidents will happen.

My suggestion to GLBT is NO!!!

GLBT will not help the state of Illinois with financial assistance.

Sincerely,

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