

Derail the Tongue River Railroad

Dear Ken Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board, Attention: Environmental filing,

I strongly oppose the construction of the Tongue River Railroad and increased coal-for-export traffic throughout Montana. This proposal would negatively affect my community by condemning private land for corporate profit, just to fuel competing Asian economies. It would take good farm and ranch land out of production, would make farms and ranches more difficult to operate, and would devalue property for 90 miles through the Tongue River Valley. It would also damage irreparably the Tongue River Valley's historical and cultural resources. I urge you to consider these impacts in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement, to act upon the statewide opposition to this project, and to pursue the no-action alternative.

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I'm concerned that the Tongue River Railroad will
permanently damage a beautiful, productive
area that is heritage to Montana

Please study the impact of loss of farmland, costs
related to decreased tourism, property
devaluation

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Thank you

signature

Mary J. LaPorte

For more information, call Kelsey at 406-248-1154 or email kelsey@northernplains.org

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