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Submission Text

To my opinion commandeering ranch lands and wildlife habitat in the area routes considered, are not helpful to anyone. It creates use of 'eminent domain', in which profitable private and public lands are confiscated without regards to ownership or the effects or hardships this would cause. Not only to affected land owners, but to the wildlife habitat, specifically habitat for species that provide state heritage and create state hunting license income along with maintaining the stability of these deer and elk in these areas. The train routes should be aligned with those present as an expansion possibility in mostly the same routes that have been sufficient for decades. other routes can be devised to protect and serve the desired purpose. the government already has ample properties that are owned by the government without encroaching privately owned lands or public access lands or hunting and fishing, wildlife habitats. create new railroad routes that do not require the need to take these private landowner's rights and let the general public ranchers, and landowners have open access to proposals by having their input regarded on this issue and all the other related topics. where there are already those in existence when possible. Do not destroy our rural heritage and invade both private and public lands that are in prime wildlife and ranching areas for this purpose It is wrong place and the wrong tactics in a rural area as ours. Eastern Montana, we have a rich heritage and lands we must preserve for future ranchers and farmer and hunters to enjoy our abundance.