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Submission Text

To whom it may concern, Do not build the Tongue River Railroad. This project moves Montana in the wrong direction towards a destructive, dirty and dying energy source. It is bad for landowners, hunters, wildlife, and Montana! The proposed railroad would cut across the oldest and largest block management site in the state - an area with over 1,000 hunter days per season. This land boasts some of the best elk and deer hunting in the state, along with antelope, upland game birds, and other wildlife. The railroad would fragment their habitat, cut through private ranches, disrupt the local way of life, and increase rail-car traffic through every community down the line. If this project moves forward it will cause irreversible destruction to the land - and we all know "they're" not making any more. Worst of all, the proposal is to transport coal from an unbuilt coal mine to the West Coast for export to ASIA! The project will enrich very few and leave Montanans to pay for the clean up and damage to our state - a state that relies heavily on a tourist-based outdoor economy because of our quality habitat, not because of coal mines! Please kill this project once and for all! Sincerely, John B. Sullivan Missoula, MT