

Docket # 35952

Great Lake Basin Transportation
Authority To Construct & operate Rail Line.

AS a resident of Winnebago County, Illinois who lives a mile from where the GLB wants to build their private toll road railroad, I want to let you know what a terrible idea it is! The land GLB is proposing for the tracks is a lot of low marshy land that floods every year, along with 3 river crossings. There is now a stable roadbed can be built that will carry 100 trains a day at ~~70~~ 70 mph!

They are saying they (GLB) will close 4 country roads, within 1 1/2 miles from our house. This will cut the schools & residents off from getting by the tracks without driving 10-15 miles around! If the roads are left open how do you cross safely with trains coming every 15 mins at 70 mph, with up to 100 freight cars - especially school buses loaded with our children? Please protect our children! No Railroad!

GLB is wanting to cut up farms. What happens when farmers can't get to their land? There goes income & food! Who does that help? Just big time investors!

GLB is a private corp with no known past history of railroad experience! They are trying to make money by charging tolls to other railroads, to our information, no other railroad is interested! What chance is there that GLB will be successful since they have no experience & no interest in their toll road?

We have a high water table in this area & everyone is on private wells - some only 20 or so ft. deep. What happens if there is a derailment of a train, carrying hazardous material, at 70 mph? The water is going to be polluted for generations! Where do we get our drinking water - for humans & cattle?

We don't need GLB's toll rail line & it appears the other railroads don't want to use it! Please listen to the people & take the NO ACTION alternative!! Help!! The small people not the big money people!

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