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Submission Text

I'm writing to request an extension of the public comment period for the Tongue River Railroad EIS. I'm really impressed with all the work that went into the document and I appreciate all of the public outreach that the STB is planning with its public meetings. Thank you for that. I've been trying to read the document in my spare time and am realizing that it might be hard to understand everything and write good comments by June 23. It's very long and very complicated; Many farmers and ranchers have slow Internet connection in rural Montana; Ranch work like calving is urgent and doesn't leave much time to read the document; Those new to the issue haven't had time to understand that they might be threatened by the railroad. Again, thank you for such a thorough job writing the EIS. I hope I can do as thorough of a job giving feedback. If I have just a little more time, I'm sure I can give more helpful comments.

Sincerely, Kathryn Matlock