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RE: Docket # FD35952 GLB Proposed Rail Line Indiana

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5 Attachments



Hannon Homestead Farm Land GLB Destruction.jpg Hannon Brothers - Father 1914 0901973_10101159527404805_1942446073_o.jpg



Hannon Farms Est 1914 with GLB Rail overlay Google Earth.pdf Hoosier Homestead for Hannon Farms.docx IMG_9483.JPG

STB,

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RE: Proposed GLB Rail Line as it pertains to New Durham Township, La Porte IN, and specifically the Hannon Farm Homestead at 8323 W. ST. Rd. 2 La Porte IN. 46350.

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed GLB Rail line.

As illustrated in the attachments this proposed GLB rail line would essentially destroy my Hannon family farm heritage.

- * Our property was declared a 100 Year Family Farm Homestead by the Indiana Dept. of Agriculture. See attached email.
- * The proposed route cuts diagonally through all of our fields except one, which would make the 102 year old Hannon Farm almost useless.
- * Our land is in a valley, with a proposed track grade of less than 1% they would have to fill in this section which would destroy the natural flow of water over the farm land. This would also make crossing tracks to farm very difficult.
- * The Farm is on Hwy 2 and with proposed "grade separations" at major roads, this would certainly wipe out the original 1914 home and barns.
- * There is a water shed system in the valley that environmentalist probably don't know about, but the local farmers do. The local farmers over the past 100 years have worked together to insure the natural water shed is beneficial to all, and doesn't impede another farmers crops.
- * The "yellow" line in the attached picture is a failed rail line bed. The "Air Line" failed in 1911, (see attached picture) and the rail bed was left as they always are for people to deal with. This is an example of what will happen when the GLB fails and is abandon. The local people will be left to deal with another rail bed problem for the next 100 years....again!
- * The wooded areas pictured in the attachments are there by choice and for a reason. They retain soil and provide a natural haven for animals and insects. Bees, flies insects are the natural

pollinators of a farmers crop. These woods are full of sponge mushrooms, and are said to have ginseng in them. A train running that close to the woods will ruin the habitat and the natural order, not ok!

I am not going to propose an alternative route, because I would not want this horrible thing tragedy to effect any other person, family or farm land.

You, we, must protect the open farm land, the family farm. Once it's gone it's gone, they aren't making any more farm land, it's only being taken away.

P.S. I was at both the La Porte County meetings. I listened in Wanatah Indiana and spoke to David and Phillis at the La Porte Civic Auditorium on the next night in person. I brought the pictures attached and showed them to you. Phillis may or may not remember my wife, in-laws and I sitting in the front row? We talked about our daughters being Congressional Pages on the Hill - on the House side, and our daughter working for Janet Napolitano at Homeland Security.

Best Regards, God Bless our Country!!

J. Shawn Hannon – Proud to have been raised on a Historic Indiana Farm!!

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#2

#1

for Red Bull

Hammock

102 year old

Quercus

Hwy 1









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From: "Miller, DyNishia" <DyMiller@isda.IN.gov>

Date: April 14, 2016 at 11:08:02 AM CDT

Subject: Hoosier Homestead Application

Congratulations! Your Hoosier Homestead application has been received and approved. We are looking forward to celebrating this exciting milestone with you and your family. The next award ceremony will be held in August 2016 at the Indiana State Fair. We will notify you in June 2016 once more details are solidified about the ceremony.

If you have any questions in the interim, you may contact me directly at 317.605.6960 or by email at dymiller@isda.in.gov.

Best Regards,

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Press Secretary

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Proposed in 1905 as a 742
mile, straight-line, high speed route,
without crossings; estimated ten
hours travel time at a cost of ten
dollars. Just under twenty miles,
between La Porte and Chesterton,
were constructed, 1906-1911.

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