

NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW TRAIN TRACK IN YOUR AREA.

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Great Lake Basin Transportation Corp., LLC is a proposed **private** enterprise. It would include a rail line with 278 miles of easements at least 200 ft. wide. This would take over 6,000 acres of private land from the rightful owners. This is not an expansion of an existing line, nor a government sponsored project, this is a new rail line.

The proposed line claims it would carry **110 trains per day at an average speed of 70 mph**. Farmland and communities would be permanently disrupted.

The head of Great Lake Basin, Frank Patton, has **no experience with railroads** and has not revealed his investors, other there is foreign interest. He worked in software for the banking industry and now claims he wants create a rail project that would run from Milton, WI to Michigan City, IN. The \$8 billion rail line would create a freight bypass around Chicago.

Investors in the project claim it would be the "largest railroad project in 125 years", yet Illinois Farm Bureau Senior Counsel, Laura Harmon points out, **"None of the railroads have publically supported the proposed project"**.

According to the Monday, March 21st, 2016 *Chicago Tribune*, Union Pacific said "after carefully reviewing the proposal, Union Pacific determined in July 2014 that it was NOT interested in moving forward with a discussion on the Great Lakes Basin Railroad bypass project. We have repeatedly communicated this position to Great Lakes Basin leadership team. Union Pacific spokeswoman Calli Hite said, "Union Pacific is focused on several major public-private partnerships, including CREATE, which will benefit the region and enhance efficiency for Chicago-area and regional railroad operations." CREATE, or the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency program, is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, Metra, Amtrak and the nation's freight railroads to improve rail line efficiency.

Your comments to the Surface Transportation Board are VERY important and should address concerns on any or all of the following:

Environmental issues	Economic Issues	Safety Issues	Community Issues
Water Resources	Decrease in Land Value	Roads Closed	Closed Roads
Wetlands	Decreased Tax Base	1 st Responders Delayed	Noise from 110 Trains
Soil Compaction	Loss of Farmland	1 st Responder Training	Vibration from Trains
Endangered Species	Travel Disruptions	Risk of Derailments	Rural Aesthetics
Habitat Destruction	Loss of Trucking Jobs	Risk of Hazardous Spills	Rural Heritage
Soil Drainage	Decreased Home Values	School Bus Safety	Recreation Impacted

Submit comments to the federal Surface Transportation Board by June 15, 2016.
Visit www.blockglbrailroad.com to submit your comments for Docket No FD-35952.

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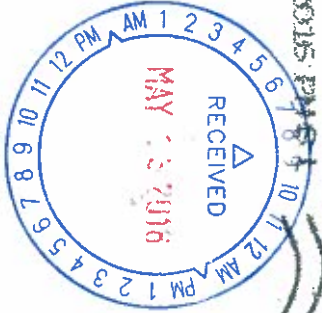
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