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Section of Environmental Analysis
Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project
Environmental Impact Statement

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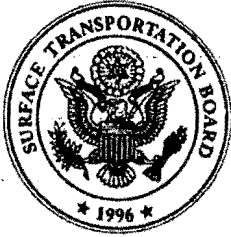
What comments do you have about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

The DEIS, in my opinion, does not give adequate attention to two areas: (A) Human Residents and (B) Noise Pollution — :

(A) The entire area proposed for RR routes runs through, or alongside, the major personal-recreation area for most of southcentral Alaska — recreational lakefront properties and/or recreational homesites. The solution would be to have one route, placed as far west as possible — more nearly along the east bank of the Susitna River.

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(B) As far as noise pollution, trains are obnoxiously noisy & loud — as I recall your DEIS cites noise levels between 80-90 db. All of the rail route alternatives are through a near-wilderness quiet. Railroad noise in such an area carries for miles cross-country, and I don't know of any feasible way to make a railroad "quieter". The solution, to my thinking, is to take your proposed railroad route as far west as safely possible, out along the east bank of the Susitna River.