



# Great Lakes Basin Rail Line

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Re: Railroad through Section 34, N. part T33 N, R9 of 2 P.M.  
Please refer to Docket No. FD 35952 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. The comment deadline is May 16, 2016.

Re: Great Lakes Basin Rail line — June 15, 2016

Dear Dave Navecky,

I am objecting to the route of the proposed railroad. The route meanders through farms at an angle; cutting up farms and going next to houses. If they had gone straight, they would have had to buy houses and buildings. The way they propose it is to make those nearby houses worth at least 50% less than if the railroad was not there. The railroad right away should follow section lines instead of angling all over the place.

They want to go through my 200 acres at a diagonal, cutting it in half. (photo attached) Subdivisions have already started on this farm (196 street, Elmer Ave.) Railroad would make it worthless for subdivisions.

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There are city water and sewer lines on the east side of the parcel. Tile lines and drainage would be disrupted. In this section there is a middle school within 500 feet of this proposal.

If there is a railroad, I think it should be 4 miles south of this proposal next to the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. This would keep it farther from town of Howell and its drinking water wells. Also an advantage less population and less public transportation disruption.

Thanks for considering my letter - June 10, 2016

Philip Rietveld

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