

EI-18365

Surface Transportation Board
Attention: Danielle Gosselin
Section of Environmental Analysis
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Dear Ms. Gosselin,

I am writing to protest the reactivation of the railroad line requested to be used by Resource Recovery LLC's for many valuable reasons.

1. As stated in your findings, **the Peale Tunnel and Viaduct Bridge** structures are of great historical value to this region. To destruct or reconstruct these unique historical landmarks is not warranted by RRLC's unnecessary landfill, industrial park, or ethanol plant. I understand their land will be used for gas wells and I am sure they are acquiring plenty of money for that. That's what they have always wanted—a means to make big money on the proposed property.
2. The railroad in question is an **outdoor recreational playground for thousands of visitors**. Most are 4-wheelers and are members of Rails to Trails. Why change something that thousands of people are using to accommodate **ONE** company and their few leaders? RRLC's request is not justified to change this area.
3. The **economic benefits** of these thousands of visitors is unmeasurable. They support our stores, gas stations, taverns, restaurants, and other businesses. Many of them own cabins in this region and their property taxes benefit the Snow Shoe Borough and Snow Shoe Township. RRLC's business ventures support themselves and could not replace the economic support that visitors' provide.
4. The railroad would go through the **Moshannon State Forest**. The gas well developers are destroying so much of our forest land and water... we need to protect whatever forest land we can. This is a State forest and it should remain protected from a train carrying garbage! There are main fresh water streams, wildlife, and vegetation that should not be destroyed.

I also oppose RRLC using local Rts. 144 and 53 to transport garbage to the proposed site. The gas well industry vehicles have "taken over" our local roads. To add any more unnecessary traffic to these curvy mountainous roads would be a hazard to everyone driving on them.

Thank you.

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