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David Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
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Attention: Section of Environmental Analysis
STB Finance Docket NO. 35095

Regarding: Port Mackenzie
Rail Extension
Draft EIS Comments

Dear Mr. Navecky:

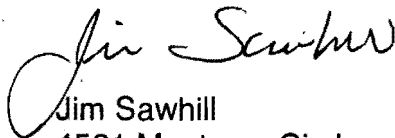
I support a rail extension to Port Mackenzie. I believe this rail extension is important to the State of Alaska to import freight and export natural resources.

I have reviewed the draft EIS and believe the best alternative is the *Mac East, Conn 3, Houston, Houston South*. This alternative has the least impact to recreation lands which is important to me. This alternative will also avoid constructing new crossings of the Little Susitna River and Willow Creek.

This alternative does impact many acres of wetlands, but I believe these impacts can be mitigated easier than recreation and river impacts. I believe that there are construction techniques that will minimize the impacts to surface and sub-surface hydrology. Other impacts can be mitigated through mitigation projects or other off-site mitigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

Sincerely



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