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Submission Text

I believe the best alternative is no Railroad. This proposed project would violate private property rights, tear up existing ranch operations, fragment wildlife habitat, increase wildlife collisions, spread noxious weeds, limit hunting opportunities and degrade water quality in the Tongue River. As a long time resident of Miles City I think we should consider land development that has a future. I support the ranchers and hunters who have a sustainable interest in the land. While the miners and railroaders have a short term one. The history of land use in Montana shows that the railroads have not always left a good legacy.