

Dear Victoria Rutson, Surface Aug 11, 2015
transportation board:

I oppose construction of the Tongue River Railroad. I urge the STB to take a "no action alternative." I have seen video coverage of this beautiful land and seen the Ranchers who live there discussing their family heritage and history as Ranchers who have lived and Ranched there for centuries. I am very moved by their stories and their family heritage as Ranchers in this breathtakingly pristine landscape. This is a part of our National history - the history of Ranchers who live there, core for this land, then pass this on to the next generation. It's a National treasure! How can you put a value on this or study this? I ask you to use your heart as you decide if we should keep some of these places as evidence of our National heritage as they are disappearing from our ^{National} history.

I would like you to study the impacts this railroad would have, if permitted, on the local ranchers who own this land. Please study these impacts on the economy of the local people in southeast Montana.
The impacts on humans and livestock

and the agriculture there. These impacts I'd like you to study: impacts from coal dust and diesel from trains, impacts from disrupting the land by building a railroad.

Traffic delays, coal dust, derailments due to increased train traffic and the likelihood of explosions and the impacts this would have on the environment there as well as people, livestock and agriculture.

I am very concerned about the impacts this project would have on the local Cheyenne people. Please study these impacts.

Please study the impacts this project would have on the culturally significant cultural sites which the Cheyenne people claim have been overlooked.

I fear for the impacts this proposed Railroad would have on all the ecosystems along the tracks from: noise, land disruption, coal dust, diesel. Please study all local water systems and the impacts on the water quality this project could cause if permitted.

I question the legality of using "imminent domain" because I can't see how this could possibly be justified.

Please study this. If this ~~proposal~~ is Railroad ~~is~~ claiming this project will help local commerce what about the declining stock prices of coal? I cannot see any gain to the local communities - only for Arch Coal.

If all this isn't reason enough to say no to this proposal, please study this! What is the ^{increase in} climate change which ~~would be on~~ this project would cause if permitted. Study the impacts on climate if the coal is burned domestically and if burned overseas.

In considering climate change, please study the cumulative impacts of all the proposed coal projects because the impacts will be felt cumulatively.

I implore you once again to feel with your heart. We are now feeling the intensity of the events ~~from~~ due to climate change! the droughts, out of control forest fires, superstorms and flash floods, sea level rises. Water shortages. How much destruction must we see on human life, animal life, water, natural resources, and ecosystems before we say, "Enough!"

I fear for life on our planet and I strongly implore you to say "No" ^{to} this proposal. Take "no action" as this is the only possible action which will save our planet for our children and our children's children. Where is our love for mother

earth? Sincerely, Laurel Felber

