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ATTN: Docket # FD-35952

Date

Ken Blodgett
 Surface Transportation Board
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 Mr. Blodgett,

After reviewing the available information about the proposed Great Lakes Basin (GLB) rail project, it is my opinion that the proposed GLB project has failed to sufficiently provide documentation that supports public convenience and necessity. For the following reasons I respectfully request that the STB cease any further action on this project.

precious farm land would be lost (some of the best land in northern Illinois).

Wild life & endangered species would be lost.

Land being roads leaving it impossible to work farm fields -

Just one oil spill would wreck the Rock, Peoria & Sugar Rivers

The above provided information is what led me to the conclusion that the proposed GLB project is inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity. It was insufficiently vetted before starting the approval process. I respectfully request that the STB takes "no action" on this project.

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