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Initiative: Tongue River Railroad

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Please accept the attached comments from members of the Western Organization of Resource Councils. These comments are 509 individual actions taken from 509 individuals, and should be considered as such. Thank you.

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Surface Transportation Board
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ATTN: Office of Environmental Analysis Docket No. 30186
Washington, DC 20423

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I oppose construction of the Tongue River Railroad. I beg the STB to recognize the "no action alternative" as the rational choice.

Coal exports only help Asian economies and giant coal companies while they hurt everyday Americans who have to live with the effects of coal mining and transport.

The Tongue River Railroad can only be built if it uses the power of federal eminent domain to condemn up to 90 miles of private land for the sole purpose of exporting coal from southeastern Montana. When the world is transitioning away from fossil fuels, it's ludicrous to build a new rail line to a proposed largest new coal strip mine in North America. This mine would produce 2.5 billion tons of greenhouse gas carbon emissions during its life, and lock us into over half a century of coal dust, increased train traffic, diesel exhaust, derailments, decreased property values, delayed emergency services, millions in infrastructure costs.

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The TRR and coal export only hurt those of us who live along the rail line, purely for the benefit of private coal companies and Asian energy users.

Thank you,
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Thank you,

janet mcmillan
10120 sunset hill road
greenough, MT 59823

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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
ATTN: Office of Environmental Analysis Docket No. 30186
Washington, DC 20423

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This proposal makes absolutely zero sense in all aspects.

Thank you,
L. Jack Lyon

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108 S. 9th Street
Livingston, MT 59047

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Fishtail, MT 59028

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Thank you,

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Red Lodge, MT 59068

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Thank you,

Becky Mitchell

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3124 Amelia Circle
Billings, MT 59106

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Becky Grey
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Thank you and put an end to this ridiculous scheme.

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Thank you,

Steven K Berg
11279 W. Stepney St.
Boise, ID 83709

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Thank you,

Ted Stout
310 First St.
Picabo
Bellevue, ID 83313

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Surface Transportation Board
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Kill King Koal. This rapacious industry does no one, save those who mine and transport the coal, any good ... whatsoever. Stop the mining. Stop the exporting of the stuff. Stop the greenhouse gas effects of the stuff. Stop the destruction of mountaintops in WV and the grasslands of WY. JUST STOP IT! GEEZZUSSS!

Thank you,

Jeffrey Wise
P. O. Box 1488
516 N. Hauser St.
Red Lodge, MT 59068

Ken Blodgett
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Washington, DC 20423

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219 N Lieuallen
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Nampa, ID 83687

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Matt Clark
2132 W. Grassy Branch
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Alison Voinot
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Seattle, WA 98125

206-417-2820

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Thank you,

Chuck Link
5920 W. Hill Road
Boise, ID 83703

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Thank you,

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Nine mile falls, WA 99026

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Sagle, ID 83860

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7483 Rapid Lightning Rd.
Sandpoint, ID 83864

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new meadows, ID 83654

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Thank you,

Margrit von Braun
1075 Snow Rd
Moscow, ID 83843

Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I write to you as a resident of Sandpoint, Idaho, one of the communities heavily impacted by rail traffic. We are the "funnel" for all trains heading to the West Coast. My specific comments can be found in paragraphs 3 and 4. I concur with all other points addressed in this comment.

I oppose construction of the Tongue River Railroad, and urge the STB to take the "no action alternative."

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Rail communities between the proposed railroad and Pacific Northwest export terminals would suffer the consequences of dramatically increased coal train traffic, including slashed property values, increased traffic congestion, safety hazards, and air pollution from both diesel exhaust and fugitive coal dust. Sandpoint has the only Amtrak station in all of Idaho. Amtrak trains already run at the mercy of the freight train schedule, experiencing frequent and often lengthy delays on rail sidings. How will you address this threat to Amtrak's ability to provide rail service all across the northern tier of the United States? And how will you ensure that citizens who depend on Amtrak services will still have access to train travel?

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Thank you,

Mary Toland
667 Meadowview DR
Sagle, ID 83860

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Surface Transportation Board
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Thank you,

suzanne jewell
502 sandpoint ave
sandpoint, ID 83864

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Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I oppose construction of the Tongue River Railroad, and urge the STB to take the "no action alternative."

The railroad proposes to haul coal from the speculative Otter Creek mine to domestic and foreign coal to energy markets. The Otter Creek mine is clearly connected to the railroad's construction.

The draft EIS wrongly assumes that there is a long-term domestic coal market for high-sodium Otter Creek coal, and wrongly assumes zero train traffic impacts from construction of a rail line that could transport 18-26 additional coal trains per day.

Otter Creek is the largest proposed coal mine in the United States, and represents 1.3 billion tons of coal that, if mined and burned for energy, would contribute to the carbon dioxide burden in the planet's atmosphere and would likely become a significant source of mercury to the biosphere. The huge volumes of ash residue resulting from burning this coal will also have to be managed (or should be managed) as a solid waste.

This archaic source of energy can and should be replaced by much safer and efficient energy sources. Can you help identify the safer and more efficient energy sources? They do exist, but how can we work together to select the best options and bring them online?

Also, if this burden of added trains occurs, how will the interests of farmers and ranchers be realized, e.g., the availability of trains and rail space to move their products to market?

Rail communities between the proposed railroad and Pacific Northwest export terminals would suffer other consequences of dramatically increased coal train traffic as well, including lower property values, increased traffic congestion, safety hazards, and air pollution from both diesel exhaust and fugitive coal dust.

Additionally, how will Amtrak be accommodated if the added coal (and oil) trains occupy the rails? Because priority is given to moving freight, Amtrak already has difficulty maintaining a reliable schedule in nearby Sandpoint, the only Amtrak station in Idaho.

The TRR and coal exports almost exclusively benefit private coal companies and Asian energy users while it hurts those of us who live along the rail line. Please say no the Tongue River Railroad.

Thank you,
Douglas C. Toland
667 Meadowview Drive

Sagle, Idaho 83860

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This makes no sense AT ALL !!!!!!! We should be phasing coal OUT, not IN. It's big money for the mining company, pollution for the area, pollution for the people living next to the railroad, pollution for the people of Asia, no domestic benefit whatsoever, except to the owner of the mine. Hey guys -- Think solar, think wind, NOT more coal.

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Thank you,

Anne Meurer
1594 Upper Pack River Rd
Sandpoint, ID 83864

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Boise, ID 83702

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I live in Birch Bay, WA, an area that is the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people. I belong to a group called Save Birch Bay that is in opposition to the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal that would be built approximately 3 miles from my home and would rest on the beautiful shoreline of Xwe'chi'eXen (Cherry Point). Our group has done extensive research on the proposed terminal and the effects of the coal industry from mining, transporting to the Pacific Northwest, shipping and burning overseas. Regarding coal trains, here is some of the information on adverse impacts that we feel cannot be mitigated:

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According to BNSF, each coal car can lose as much as 500 pounds of toxic coal dust en route. Even empty coal cars release substantial coal dust emissions

After studying the medical research, the American Lung Association and over 200 Whatcom County doctors concluded that there is no "safe threshold" of exposure to these toxins.

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Thank you,

Liz Stone
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Livingston, MT 59047

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am in favor of the Tongue River Railroad. Hey it creates jobs, helps the economy, and it is shipped to China. What more could we ask for?

Thank you,

Randall G. Hansen

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8912 Ridge Trail
Sturgis, SD 57785

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Even the government doesn't stand to make any material gains from the wholesale sellout of the Earth. How dumb? We pay the taxes for you to sell us and our entire world out to a few other dummies so they can strike payday and move off to some tropical island probably recruiting teen sex slaves for their friends and vip visitors while they enjoy expensive liquors and cigars. Toast! To dumb!

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Thank you,

Brian johnson

16994 Se Fragrance Ave

mere blocks from the vagrant coal along the river and rail line

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Thank you,

Dorethea Simone
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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I stand with the Northern Plains Resource Council in opposition to the proposed Tounge River Railroad.

Although I live in Idaho, the wilderness experience of Montana is also dear to my heart, and so it is heartbreaking to see how the pursuit of unsustainable energy resources are chronically prioritized, to the detriment of resources which have inherent value. Those whose livelihoods depend on unbroken landscapes, those who seek spiritual renewal in the land, those who care about habitat, those who care about human health, and many more with diverse concerns, beg our voices NOW begin to trump the deep pockets of mining companies.

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I urge the STB to take the "no action alternative."
Thank you.

Ann K. Ford
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This arrogant proposal plans to wield the sword of eminent domain, solely to benefit a huge coal company and the excessive resource consumption of its supposed Asian markets. This railroad would have huge negative impacts for citizens and communities across Montana and the Pacific Northwest. It would condemn private property and isolate increasingly essential wildlife habitat. It would foment extensive safety and human health concerns all along the route of the 18 to 26 coal trains a day - noise and hearing loss, asthma and related diseases from coal dust and diesel fumes, increased traffic congestion, and the danger of train derailments.

Beyond this, the rail line would allow development of a huge proposed mine, causing environmental degradation and contributing to global greenhouse gas emissions for the next 55 years. Every stage of the process - mining the coal, transporting it by rail, transporting it by ship, and burning it - has negative impacts on an already stressed planet, and its inhabitants.

Except for the few individuals who might benefit financially from this exploitative, speculative plan, it would be in the best interests of everyone in this country and this world to oppose - and stop - this railroad.

Sincerely,

Shane Sater

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Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

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I am a Railroad Fan. I love trains. I'm serious.

But too much of anything is not good.

The noise pollution alone in my town of Sandpoint, Idaho is already extreme from the many trains that come through this bottleneck section of the rail lines. Adding more trains to this mix would put it well over the painful level for everyone living in towns like Sandpoint all the way to the coast.

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Thank you,

Craig Loftin
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
Mary and David Dudley

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Thank you,

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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
ATTN: Office of Environmental Analysis Docket No. 30186
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I stand in strong opposition to the draft EIS for the Tongue River Railroad and urge no action on the railroad. This EIS would lead to a permit and runs counter to the President's Clean Power Plan and states' responsibilities to comply with the plan to reduce polluting greenhouse gas emissions. It flies in the face of state, national and global efforts to face head on the problem of climate change –our number one public health problem.

The Tongue River Railroad will slice through productive ranch and farm land. Agriculture is one of Montana's top industries. The lives and livelihoods of countless Montanans depend on it. The railroad will run roughshod over farming and ranching in favor of King Coal whose reign is about done and Arch Coal's mine near Otter Creek that does not even exist.

Clean water is the very lifeblood of Montana farmers and ranchers. Sadly, this past legislative session, state legislators passed a couple of bad bills that jeopardize downstream water quality in favor of Arch Coal. This includes a new law that greatly reduces the effectiveness of the TMDL process. Another includes mixing upstream pollution into what's considered natural downstream. We need to act 'upstream' before these laws can even benefit the corporation and harm hard working farmers and ranchers. Do not approve the draft EIS or permit the railroad.

I represent Helena and East Helena, Montana. Coal trains cut right through both communities, and as it is they already compromise the public health and safety of the residents. The Tongue River RR would multiply the number of trains and increase the risk.

Finally, federal action in favor of this railroad would do a great disservice to the public interest, convenience and necessity. Coal has overextending its welcome in the market. According to an article recently in the Billings Gazette, Arch Coal is about to be delisted from the New York Stock Exchange because it's consistently traded for less than \$ 1 a share. Its per share stock price was 45 cents recently. Arch lost \$558 million in 2014 and \$641 million in 2013. Its long term debt exceeds \$5 billion. Compare this scenario with renewable energy. In the last 10 years since Montana's Renewal Energy Standard has been in effect, renewable energy has created 100 jobs a year totally 1,000 jobs. That job growth is expected to continue through 2020. And it's pumped \$17 million dollars into the gross state product.

I urge you to permit avenues to further the development and use of renewable energy, and not waste time and resources keeping coal on life support. Please do not approve the EIS for the Tongue River Railroad. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Representative Mary Ann Dunwell, Montana House District 84

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While EIS claims that coal dust has no negative effect on human health, many who suffer long term exposure to coal are diagnosed with a condition known as Black Lung Disease. This disease is attributed directly to coal dust exposure. EIS also claims that coal dust is not a byproduct of shipping coal, even if the coal were to be transported in sealed containers, every time that their product is transfered, there will be spillage and dust will be dispersed. contaminating waterways, the air, and soil.

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I question the draft EIS for this railroad project. It is clearly not an objective document. It seems to have been written from the perspective of the railroads. I would like to see it completely rewritten, after an investigation takes place to determine what influence the railroads had in producing it.

How could there possibly be no traffic impacts from this proposal? How could there possibly be no impacts from coal dust and diesel fumes? The final EIS must do a better job evaluating the potential markets for the coal it is supposed to haul. I question the claim that it is for domestic use.

We must be very careful when using eminent domain to condemn private property, especially when it is done by the federal government. This proposal for eminent domain condemnation is not to support a public good but rather to benefit private profit. This is wrong and should not be allowed.

This draft EIS is a seriously flawed document and is part of an effort to take land from private owners and give it to powerful corporations.

Rewrite the EIS or, better yet, abandon this project right now.

Keith Fredrikson.

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The idea that a private company could use a permit to use federal eminent domain to take another land owners land is not what the government eminent domain law was supposed to do. I object to the STB making that determination for a private company - they should all be fired.

Gary Lazarowski

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Coal fueled the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century and it drove climate change in the 20th century. We have burned fossil fuels so wastefully as to cause our polar ice caps and our glaciers to melt, to heat our planet to the point where we doom future generations to a very difficult life. For our children's and grandchildren's sake, we must not make the tragic mistake of continuing to mine, transport, and burn coal. Montana has allowed its clean air and water to be polluted by oil companies and coal companies repeatedly, for the benefit of private corporations' profits. One has to wait for long periods at towns across the state for the daily multiple 100-car long coal trains to cross the roadways, and we see the uncovered coal cars spewing toxic coal dust all across the state.

Selling coal rights for the proposed Otter Creek mine was a terrible, shortsighted error of judgment. To allow continued mining of coal in Montana is a betrayal of the people, the wildlife, the future of the state. It would have very destructive effects on water and agriculture in eastern Montana and across the state. Please recognize that the decision to facilitate the mining of coal and its shipment across the state and on to China would be a very grave mistake that in no way serves the residents of Montana and has ramifications for the whole planet. The toxic pollution from coal burned in China is blown across the Pacific Ocean to the North American continent, where it can be found in the dwindling snowpack of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The world market recognizes the fact that for the future of the planet coal cannot continue to be burned. Thus the market has diminished markedly, as demonstrated by the dramatic drop in share values for Arch Coal Company. The EPA has placed stringent new standards on coal-burning plants, further decreasing its value, so the revised Draft Tongue River EIS that indicates the coal will be sold domestically rather than to foreign buyers makes no sense. Please do not sacrifice the health and well-being of current and future Montanans by supporting this disastrous failing enterprise.

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I live in beautiful western Washington where I enjoy relatively pristine waters to swim in and mountains to hike on. I raised my children safely playing in this water, in the woods around our home and generally enjoying the natural world. I believe mining and transporting coal would severely pact this environment.

Thank you,

Sylvia Woodbury
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Thank you, Wendy Courtemanche

Wendy Courtemanche
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This proposed coal-mining railroad is "owned" by Arch Coal. The shares in this almost bankrupt company have gone from \$75 to 51 cents from 2008 to 2015. The only intention for this railroad is to dig up over 1 billion tons of coal in Montana and to ship all 1 billion tons of coal to Asia. What do our citizens get from this deal? They get to pay for all upgrades to crossings, pay for "quiet zones" which is outrageously expensive and which the railroads refuse to pay a dime for, and any rail infrastructure repair or additions. Do the people of Montana KNOW THIS? In addition, they will enjoy traffic delays, diesel fumes, black coal dust blowing off the cars, noise and derailments. Oh, and let's not mention at least 2 billion tons of CO2 emissions when burnt in Asia which all comes back to the Pacific NW eventually to pollute our air as well. When you weigh the environmental risks and cost with a few jobs, there is no advantage people get from this deal. The Coal industry is winding down. With only 10 plants left in our country, 3 are converting to natural gas, one is closing and the other 6 already have suppliers. ALL this coal goes to Asia and ALL the profits go to Arch Coal. Coal has gone from one half to one third of our domestic electricity generation and it is a dying business. This is the last "hurrah" for Arch Coal that owns Otter Creek mine (that doesn't exist yet), about 34% of the Tongue River Railroad and 38% of the proposed Longview Coal export terminal. They plan to mine 20 million tons of coal annually and export 20 million tons to Asia. There is nothing in it for the poor citizens of Montana but heartache: loss of land through condemning landowners property, at least 8 new coal trains traveling through their communities every day, and destruction of water, land and cultural sites. Tell me, is it worth it to anyone? Fight this ludicrous plan and stop it in its tracks!

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I can speak with authority on this plea because I actually live in Otter, Montana. The many wonderful people who live and work in Otter and the surrounding area do not want this railroad, as we know it will destroy it, and destroy us; this railroad will not improve the community. We know we will be plagued with accidents like the one recently in Decker, MT, along with confused traveling patterns/destroyed habitat of wildlife of so many different species, the pollution of the Tongue River by erosion, noise pollution where none exists, financial burdens of lower property values, the loss of ranching/grazing land, financial burdens of additional fencing, imminent domain issues, non-reclamation issues, and much, much more. The list does go on.

Why do we know this? Because it has already happened in the state of Wyoming's communities, just south of us, in their Powder River basin. These communities will never be the same again - they are lost forever. We know this to be true. And now another good, productive, healthy community could be destroyed here in Montana, for one private company and its foreign investor. This railroad does not benefit anyone else but them; not the state of Montana, not the USA, and definitely not our community, or surrounding and extending communities.

Please dont destroy us.

Best regards,

Janice L. Grinyer
Resident of Otter, MT

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Thank you,

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

Please consider opposing the Tongue River Railroad (TRR) project that has been proposed in Southeastern Montana. This project would be irreparably detrimental to the land and to the people for whom it has been home for generations. Putting profits before people is not the American way! It is not how we should treat our friends, neighbors, and family. Supporting this project, which would only benefit a single corporate entity and send all resources overseas to Asian markets, is tantamount to spitting on some of the greatest traditions of our American heritage. Furthermore, we are at a turning point in regards to the health of this planet and it's ability to sustain the human race. The choices we make today regarding energy production, land development, and pollution will effect us all for generations. Please make the choice that will allow you to look back and know that you did the right thing, that will allow you to look your grandchildren in the eye and tell them that these vistas of unspoiled open space are still here, in part, because of you. I urge you to oppose construction of the Tongue River Railroad, and encourage the STB to take the "no action alternative."

Thank you,
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There should be no future for coal. There is no right to eminent domain for something that is so harmful to the planet.

I agree with the Northern Plains Resource Council regarding the TTR. The draft EIS seems written to the benefit private coal companies and Asian energy users while it hurts everyone along the way.

I want a clean energy future for my grandchildren. This railroad is not necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my opinion.

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Moreover, a fresh new, single purpose, train line will steal property rights from local ranchers who participate in Montana's number one industry--AGRICULTURE. I trust them to know more about how to treat the land than some greedy foreign coal extractor.

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Thank you,

Mike Sennett
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Bellingham, WA 98226

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

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Further more if President Obama condemns burning coal in the USA why is it ok to export it to Asia to Burn. It is still polluting our environment. China is not on another planet . it is on the same planet as North America. It is hypocritical to condemn coal use in the USA and then ship it to Asia .

Thank you.

Laura Hunter
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Bigfork, MT 59911

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465 Jardine Road
Gardiner, MT 59030

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Sidney, MT 59279

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Additionally, Fossil fuels are retrograde and any investment should be spent on the provision of renewable and clean technologies, which will serve both this generation and infinitum. As MONTANANS we deserve better thinking and a little less on creating wealth on old technology and more on the quality of our lives.

Thank you.

Malcolm Fitzsimmons
366 Fireside Drive
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Mary Lou DeSaveur
939 Yale Ave
Billings , MT 59102

Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I live in Miles City, MT. I have been dealing with the proposed TRR ever since the early 80's. It has always been a speculative project but never for the "public convenience and necessity"! Now, this railroad will serve only one coal company giant, ARCH COAL, to enable them to sell coal to CHINA!

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The draft EIS barely touched on the flood plain problems faced by the City of Miles City. The Army Corps of Engineers reclassified us and FEMA has stated we must build a 500 year dike or many of us cannot get flood insurance and sell our homes. The TRR would where it comes up the proposed TRR East plan, would funnel more water into our area. A HUGE concern.

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Right now Burlington Northern Santa Fe is arbitrarily running their trains at 60 mph through our town (no public meetings or consultation re: the safety of such operation.) This greatly changes the noise, safety, socioeconomic impacts.

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354 Montagua Rd.
Joliet, MT 59041

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Great Falls, MT 59401

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Debbie Jehorek
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Overton, NE 68863

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303 Dewey Avve
Eureka, MT 59917

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Elizabeth Hansen
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Billings, MT 59102

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Barbara Archer and Tom Tully
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Helena, MT 59602

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Pat Oertli
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I am opposed to the Tongue River Railroad. This "single use" railroad should not have the right of eminent domain --that should be illegal. I am concerned about the environmental and social consequences of this development. It will be a leap forward in turning upside down our rural communities with the development of the Powder River basin coal. More affluence through mining will also threaten the quality of life through more crime, drugs, sexual exploitation. Quality of life in Montana means far more than just money, and that far more hasn't been discussed and evaluated sufficiently by local people or by the people of Montana. (Besides, stripmining itself, as opposed to underground mining, generates minimal jobs.) I am also concerned about the adverse environmental consequences, as I share these same ones with the Northern Plains Resource Council. Finally, and just as importantly, I want to go on record as opposing this development because of climate change concerns. According to Obama's EPA's mandate on this past Monday, August 4, 2015 Montana must meet a 47% reduction of its CO2 emissions by 2030. The Tongue River Railroad will take us in the diametrically wrong direction for this to occur. And it doesn't matter if most of the coal will be burned in Asia for it will still be heating up The Big Sky. I am opposed to making this the Big Hot Sky state, and your children and grandchildren will be opposed to this , too. Shame on us!

Furthermore, the people of Billings and Eastern Montana are terribly confused about what impacts to expect from the West Coast coal exports that will be utilizing the Tongue River Railroad. An insufficient amount of investigative journalism is taking place. More likely, the press is spoon-fed information through press releases and such by the coal and railroad industry. For instance, on December 13, 2012 a respected local television station, KTVQ, reported that we could expect to see 48-54 million tons of coal exported from the Powder River Basin to Cherry Point annually, and that, as a consequence, we would see an additional 8-10 trains each day running through Billings. But according to the Terry Whiteside study, 50 million tons of coal would result in about 19 additional trains each day running through Billings (loaded and empty). The railroad industry's figure of 8-10 trains/day does not include loaded and empty trains, only loaded at best. The actual number of trains per day running through Billings should be corrected to 16-20 trains. Yet the television station was unwilling to correct its story.

We in Billings, Montana need to be part of an Environmental Impact Study in order to make informed decisions about how to evaluate and mitigate what promises to be the most rapid and largest increase in rail traffic in the history of this region. All the coal trains utilizing the Tongue River Railroad that go to the West Coast will be passing through Billings. These trains will be bisecting the city and blocking several crossings.

How can we really mitigate impacts? If it turns out that a bypass of Billings is the only

mitigating measure reasonable, then we may well waste much money, local, state, and federal, trying to stave off the effects piecemeal.

What can we do to make sure that the railroads and coal companies do not require taxpayers and citizens to bear the external cost of shipping coal this way? If we are going to pay for mitigation measures as taxpayers and citizens, we need to face that fact early on.

We will experience more noise. We will experience more cracking of infrastructure, such as foundations and walls of the buildings nearby.

No one knows exactly what the extent is of coal dust. No scientific studies have been carried out. Nor do we know what the health and other impacts are of the coal dust, including the possible impacts to the blue ribbon trout stream, Yellowstone River, which these trains will pass along for 80 miles.

No one knows what the impacts will be to health, but pulmonary physicians have claim that with more trains they will be seeing more patients in their offices with diesel fumes related asthma problems.

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Women in labor may be caught by railroad traffic trying to reach hospitals from either I 90 or the south side of Billings. Police, fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency services will be blocked from the most direct route between the south and north sides of Billings. The police station, fire station, and hospitals are located on the north side.

How dangerous is it for this many trains and many coal trains to be passing through a city such as Billings? We want an intelligent and informed discussion of this point.

Other points to consider:

General quality of life in downtown lowered -- no longer as friendly and inviting for pedestrians with additional air pollution, dust, grime, and noise.

- o Lower property values.

- o The presence of trains being a reason to shop elsewhere.

General social justice and quality of life problems arising from the community divided not only by tracks but by the real barrier of active trains.

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Thank you.

Don Bachman
PO Box 7363
Bozeman, MT 59718

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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Doug Anderson
5068 MT highway 83 N
Seeley Lake, MT 59868

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Thank you.

David Schneider
7015 Yellowstone Place
Billings, MT 59106

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Ken Blodgett
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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I urge you to DENY any permit to construct the Tongue River Railroad and urge the Surface Transportation Board to select the "no action" alternative. There is no such thing as "clean coal"; mining, transporting, and burning coal for energy is one of the dirtiest, most polluting activities on earth.

The cost of infrastructure (overpasses, underpasses, etc.) to deal with TRR impacts would be borne by local taxpayers, meaning the TRR would have a direct negative financial impact on dozens of downrail communities in Montana and beyond. None of these impacts were adequately addressed by the draft EIS.

No private company should push millions of dollars of infrastructure costs onto cities and towns throughout Montana just to sell dirty coal to Asia that will inevitably impact our climate. Please deny the Tongue River Railroad permit application.

Thank you.

John Dillon
2820 4th Ave N.
Great Falls, MT 59401

Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am a Montanan opposed to the permitting and construction of the Tongue River Railroad and urge the Surface Transportation Board to deny the railroad's permit. At a time when coal markets are diminishing, there's no justification to build the railroad, especially given the negative impacts which haven't been addressed.

The TRR would condemn private property, disrupting and damaging ranches. The coal train traffic would go through Billings and other cities, disrupting emergency vehicles needing to cross the tracks. Our doctors tell us that lung diseases from the coal dust would also increase.

Please deny the Tongue River Railroad permit application.

Thank you.

Betty Whiting
925 Burlington Avenue
Billings, MT 59101

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Karen Tibbs
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Billings, MT 59105

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I was involved with alluvial valley floor mapping in the area and am familiar with the topography, ownerships, and irrigation practices in southeast Montana.

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It is my understanding that under the proposal, one private company would have the right to condemn dozens of miles of family ranchland and push millions of dollars of infrastructure costs onto cities and towns throughout Montana and the region just so it can make money selling coal to Asia. Please deny the Tongue River Railroad permit application.

Thank you.

Robert Rasmussen
1027 Billings Ave
Helena, MT 59601

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Scott Patterson
634 1/2 N Ewing St
Helena, MT 59601

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505 N. Willson
Bozeman, MT 59715

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I opposed the Tongue River Railroad and urge the Surface Transportation Board to select the "no action" alternative and deny the railroad's permit.

I was born in Great Falls, Montana 72 years ago and when I was sent to the coal shed it wasn't for punishment, but to bring in a bucket of coal for our coal- and wood-burning stove. Our house in Great Falls had a dedicated coal room in the basement, and a coal chute for dumping coal into it, but they were already a thing of the past by the mid-1940s. In town, our stove was fired by natural gas, and "Now you're cookin' with gas" became a generic slogan for doing things right.

Alas, now I type these words into a computer that is fired by coal. That has to end, and it has to end because the mining, burning and consumption of the power produced by coal has to stop or we will crank up the heat to levels that damage the economy as much as it will damage the environment.

While damage to the economy has received very careful attention in the world's business, economics, and financial circles, it remains understood only as an environmental threat by many. Sadly, then, the great risk that coal imposes on business and industry is all too often neglected, and must not be neglected as the Tongue River coal fields are evaluated.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. If you require, I can provide documentation of concern over damage to business and industry including reports by the prestigious financial services firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Lance Olsen
911 1/2 Cooley St
Missoula , MT 59802

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Tammy Olson
1221 Tongue River Rd
Miles City, MT 59301

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David Schwarzrock
Box 173
Plentywood, MT 59254

Ken Blodgett
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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

Dear Sirs:

I wish to record my adamant opposition to the permitting and construction of the Tongue River Railroad, and urge the Surface Transportation Board to pick the "no action" alternative to deny the railroad's permit.

This unnecessary and destructive project will significantly hurt the farmers and ranchers trying to make a living in the Tongue River valley, and for no good reason. It is truly inappropriate to allow the use of eminent domain to force this boondoggle on these good people.

The railroad will also negatively impact all the Montana communities through which the resulting coal carrying cars will haul their material to the west coast.

Coal is on its way out as a source of energy. Why force people around the world to continue to endure the pollution it causes, all the way from the mines to the refineries?

Thank you for your consideration.

Land M. Lindbergh

Land Lindbergh
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Greenough, MT 59823

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2606 Missouri
Billings, MT 59102

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maggie vitali-cornell
415 manor dr
bartow, FL 33830

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Kirk Green
190 East River Rd.
Ashland, MT 59003

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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am opposed to the permitting and construction of the Tongue River Railroad and urge the Surface Transportation Board to select the "no action" alternative and deny the railroad's permit. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is an inconclusive and poorly reasoned report which raises concerns for people like me who will be greatly impacted by an increase in coal train traffic. Additionally, as a Montana citizen, I am concerned about my neighbors whose property will be condemned for a project that has no demonstrable benefit for the public, as is required by eminent domain statute.

The conclusions of the dEIS' economic analysis of the national and international demand for PRB coal ostensibly rely on outdated financial forecasts. While the draft EIS claims strong demand for Otter Creek coal, it also claims that Otter Creek coal will have no impact on demand. This is clearly false logic based on flawed assumptions. Furthermore, current domestic demand for high-sulfur PRB coal is virtually nil, and all economic and political signs point to a overall decrease in coal-fired power plants over the next thirty years.

The contradictory reasoning is also apparent in analysis of increased train traffic through Montana communities. The draft EIS claims that the TRR could transport up to 8 to 26 unit coal trains per day, and at the same time concludes that the TRR will not lead to any increase in coal train traffic. Assuming that there are 8 to 26 additional trains a day, there is no analysis of the impacts this would have on downrail communities. Whether the trains go to the west coast, to the midwest, or south into Wyoming, the impacts of these additional trains is not addressed in any substantive way. Clearly this increase will result in traffic safety concerns for our communities and this will need to be mitigated. In my community, the hospital is on one side of the tracks, but much of our town is located on the other side of the tracks. When a coal train passes by, there is already a massive pile up of traffic across town. How an ambulance will be able to transport people expediently across town to the hospital if they are forced to wait an extra twenty minutes at a rail crossing? Our communities are already dealing with a great deal of coal train traffic and any additional trains will require us to make a number of upgrades. Are taxpayers going to saddled with the burden of providing extra underpasses and overpasses to accommodate these additional trains? Again, this project doesn't seem to be in the public's interest, but the dEIS suggests that we taxpayers will be financially responsible for these necessary traffic mitigation upgrades.

Furthermore, the TRR would have dramatic effects on the agricultural production of the Tongue River Valley. Agriculture is Montana's top industry and any disruption to our agricultural output will harm our communities greatly. The dEIS does not adequately address how cattle will cross the rail line or how irrigation will be impacted by the TRR. This issue needs to be explored at greater length and appropriate mitigation measures

need to be made more explicit.

Finally, the impact that this project would have on the local indigenous people's heritage, historic artifacts, and culture has not been adequately addressed. The Northern Cheyenne's historic presence and artifacts in the area was essentially ignored by the dEIS.

A more thorough analysis of the cultural impacts the TRR would have on this community needs to be conducted before any further decision on the railroad is made.

Altogether, the dEIS includes nothing to indicate that this project would benefit our communities. Between the many contradictions, ambiguities, and illogical constructions, one truth seems to stand out: that the TRR imposes an undue burden on the public and it is not in the public's interest to move forward with this project.

Please deny the Tongue River Railroad permit application.

Thank you.

Kate French
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Susie Clarion
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Missoula, MT 59801

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Marty Glynn
417 W. Spring Creek Dr.
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Jake Jacobson
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Elgin, TX 78621

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During the time I was Chair of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission (2009-2013) I visited the entire Tongue River Valley and the new proposed route of the Tongue River Railroad. I also talked to the Surface Transportation Board chair at that time.

If people all over the country had an opportunity to visit this area, they would come away with the same conclusion I did. Why sacrifice the wildlife, agricultural, aquatic, and cultural values to send a few years worth of coal to China and other far east countries. Coal fired plants in the US have been closing and we don't need to put more carbon in the air. Climate change has been happening at an ever increasing rate. Now is the time to stop it.

Bob Ream
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In all these years, no-one has been able to present a valid case for the TRRR, and certainly not one which addresses all the damage to families, individuals and land which would be impacted in a negative way.

Thank you.

Mary McWilliams
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Sheridan, WY 82801

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The TRR would condemn private property. It would disrupt and damage ranches that have been in Montana families for generations. The coal train traffic on it would lead to significant downrail impacts including increased coal dust, diesel exhaust, and longer waits for emergency vehicles stuck at railroad crossings waiting for trains to go by.

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P.S. I have family in Montana directly involved with this issue. Their land, livelihood, and love for their home and hobby ranch are being negatively affected by the railroad actions. They even live on sacred native american land, yet they are still being pressured in to selling their land. This land has been in our family and in my grandpa's tribe for well over half a century. In fact certain tribes still perform rituals on my grandpa's land he has ancient Native American burials located on his land. I thought we agreed a long time ago respect Native American land. Guess not... This railroad has no economic nor environmental benefits. It will only hurt the livelihood and economic stability of many Montana and neighboring state residents. The railroad will also damage the beautiful nature of not only Montana but many neighboring states. so as you can see I am very against this action. I don't know if my comments count since I am not a resident of Montana; however, I still thought it best to speak up for my own beliefs and my families. Please respect the wishes of many Montana residents!

Thank you.

Cassandra Morgan
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Thank you.

Lawrence Heppner
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