

Dear Surface Transportation Board

I would like to express my opinions on Docket number FD 35952 starting with:

1. Environmental: I have real concerns over the damage the rail system would cause to the wild life and the wet lands in this area. It would be devastating to some of the habitat and Indian grounds, flood plains and water run off.
2. Transportation: The closing of roads would be a real hardship and time delay for ambulance, fire trucks, police and (911) calls. Also for school buses, Garbage trucks, and local residence. In some cases it would be a 6 mile detour just to the other side of the blocked road and 6 miles back.
3. Agriculture: Good farm land being taken out of production. For every mile of rail with a 200 foot easement takes 24 acres out of production. Farms being split with no reasonable way to move equipment to the other side.
4. Hazardous Material: All of these homes have wells for water, not pipe lines. Any spill would contaminate the water for people and livestock. Some of this waste would make the homes and farms useless for over a hundred years. The damage to the wildlife and wetlands are indescribable.

We as a community expect our elected officials to represent their constituents. Our values should not always come down to money.

Respectfully

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