

Derail the Tongue River Railroad

Dear Ken Blodgett, Surface Transportation
Board, Attention: Environmental filing,

I strongly oppose the construction of the
Tongue River Railroad and increased coal-
for-export traffic throughout Montana.
This proposal would negatively affect my
community by condemning private land for
corporate profit, just to fuel competing Asian
economies. It would take good farm and
ranch land out of production, would make
farms and ranches more difficult to operate,
and would devalue property for 90 miles
through the Tongue River Valley. It would also
damage irreparably the Tongue River Valley's
historical and cultural resources. I urge you
to consider these impacts in the scope of the
Environmental Impact Statement, to act upon
the statewide opposition to this project, and to
pursue the no-action alternative.

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Thank you

signature

For more information, call Kelsey at **406-248-1154** or email kelsey@northernplains.org

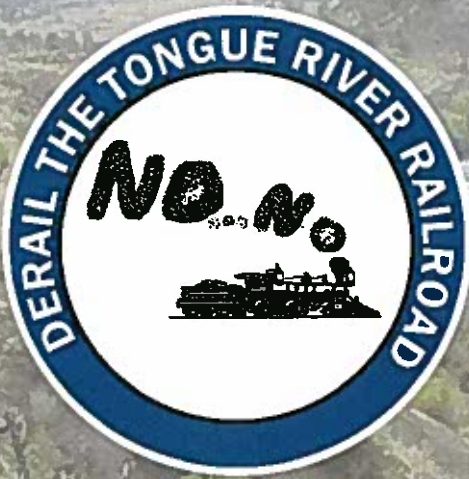
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farms and ranches, and unique quality of life. If you're not a member, you should join!



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I'm concerned that by the time the railroad
up the Tongue is completed coal
could be a worthless resource
due to natural gas and wind energy
increase.
Please study the impact of wildlife habitat