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Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in opposition of the proposed Tongue River Railroad. I am the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineer and Trainman's Local Chairman for Division # 195 in Forsyth.

The Railroad is unnecessary as the mines that are being operated now are serviced by other Railroads. The only benefit that I can see is the operating cost will be lowered for the Midwest Utility Companies. There would be no breaks to any one in the immediate areas affected by the Railroad.

I was unable to attend the last two meetings that were held in Miles City and Ashland Montana. I have attended other ones earlier in the 90's. The TRR has been able to build since 1996 and the company has not built. I believe that the Surface Transportation Board has to finally say "NO" and let these farmers and ranchers who live on the proposed route get on with there life's.

In closing if the STB had determined that the proposed railroad was necessary than why has it not been built?

Respectfully yours,


Lynn Fitterer

