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Submission Text

I oppose the Tongue River Railroad and urge the STP to take the "no action alternative". First there is no reason to give eminent domain authority to a private company for resources that are projected to be sold to China. If they cannot arrange for the sale of rights of ways from the ranchers in the Tongue River Valley then the project should not go forward! Coal is a heavy contributor to global warming and we should be trending away from it and not adding to it. The proposition that adding 18-26 trains a day will have no impact on air quality from either the diesel engines propelling those trains or the coal dust from the coal in the cars is preposterous. Down line communities should not be sacrificed. The TRR and coal export only benefit private coal companies and Asian energy users while it hurts those of us who live along the rail line. Just say no the Tongue River Railroad.