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Subject Reconstruction of railroad between Wallaceton and Gorton

Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am writing in regards to the proposed reconstruction of the railroad between Wallaceton and Gorton. I need to express my fierce opposition to this matter.

As a recreational property owner in Snow Shoe Township, I feel that this would have a negative impact on our community. I am also a member of the SSRTA, and use this area for recreational activities with my family. We purchased the property because of the abundance of outdoor activities available there.

The possibility of having train crossings going through my backyard, and many other places near our 220 acre common land will adversely affect the many children and adults that ride ATV's in the area.

We own a camp in Moshannon, and love the peace and serenity of the wilderness. The noise of trains is not what I escape to the mountains to hear. My husband and my son, as well as my extended family, love to hunt and fish here. The impact on the wildlife will change dramatically if we continue to move toward this reconstruction.

Furthermore, SSRTA is a wonderful organization. The Snow Shoe Rail Trail is so much fun for my family. We have many great memories of days spent on that trail, to think that it could be taken away from all of the people that so enjoy it, is appalling.

I will end this with one more fact. Snow Shoe Township is a community that has rejected the landfill proposal from the beginning. It is not fair that we will suffer the negative impacts of this atrocity more directly than the host community.

I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Freja C. Fuller