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Mr. Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

Attn: Office of Environmental Analysis. Docket No. 30186

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I oppose the construction of the Tongue River Railroad and urge the STB to take the "no action alternative".

I am extremely concerned about the world that my children, grandchildren, and their children will inherit. At a time when the demand for coal is shrinking rapidly in the US and worldwide, it is amazing to think that this project could go forward. This railroad would bisect long established and functioning ranch lands and would allow for the development of the largest proposed coal mine in the US, only to have this coal shipped to Asia. When climate change is the number one concern in our world today, we who live in the west where immense wildfires are burning this summer are well aware of what an issue it is. It is unbelievable to think that the US would allow the development and shipment of this coal which, when burned, would add to climate change for the next 50 years by polluting the atmosphere with tons of climate changing gases.

One can tell that members of the STB do not live in the communities that would be affected by the additional rail traffic this would incur. Those of us who live in the cities which are bisected by the railroads are already familiar with long traffic delays, and the addition of 8 to 26 more coal trains per day is beyond comprehension. I can't imagine what it would be like to live by the tracks and experience the air, noise, and coal dust pollution, and have my property values reduced.

Please adopt the "no action alternative" and speak for the ordinary citizens of the west and this country by protecting their private property rights, clean air, and good health.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Adams

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