

March 22, 2016

Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street SW
Washington DC 20423-0001
Attention Dave Navecky

To Whom It Concerns:

I am writing about the Great Basin Railroad that is going to come to Boone County and go through the wetlands and in back of our homes. It then is to cross I-90 turn and go the other way towards Winnebago County and then we have railroad on 2 sides.

We bought this home and land in the 80's because of the wetlands and all the birds, ducks, geese, Bald Eagles and Black Swans that live there. There are also deer and many more animals that call this area home. We knew there would never be a subdivision there because of this. Spring township has an extremely high water table and sometimes the water is up close to those homes. You can't get back there even with a 4 wheeler.

How can you ruin so many peoples life's and our homes? Even if you pay any amount of money our home value will be dropped more than half. We have I-90 on one side and the railroad on the other. I-90 is loud enough. How are we to live with the noise from the railroad and I-90? How about our wells and pray there isn't a crash and a spill!

I realize you may (or not) need this railroad but you don't need to have it so close to our homes and ruin our wetlands. We're on the curve (just before) on Shattuck Road.

Please, please help us and move this so it's not by our homes and ruining our county and wetlands.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Fay". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "R" and a cursive "Fay".

Robert Fay
5109 Shattuck Road
Belvidere, Illinois 61008

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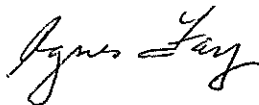
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Agnes Fay".

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