

Derail the Tongue River Railroad

Dear Ken Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board, Attention: Environmental filing,

I strongly oppose the construction of the Tongue River Railroad and increased coal-for-export traffic throughout Montana. This proposal would negatively affect my community by condemning private land for corporate profit, just to fuel competing Asian economies. It would take good farm and ranch land out of production, would make farms and ranches more difficult to operate, and would devalue property for 90 miles through the Tongue River Valley. It would also damage irreparably the Tongue River Valley's historical and cultural resources. I urge you to consider these impacts in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement, to act upon the statewide opposition to this project, and to pursue the no-action alternative.

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Thank you Charles Sangmeister
signature

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I'm concerned that those who live in the Tongue River Valley, because it is sparsely populated & agricultural, are not fully represented by their local elected officials.
In my opinion, these legislators are influenced by the coal industry and are beholden to them.
Please study the impact of Tongue River Railroad to be used for the export of coal to those same countries where our jobs & other industries have been exported. We need a fact based evaluation of the potential impacts of the building of the railroad and the resulting transportation impacts. Thank you Charles

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