

# 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

signature

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I'm concerned that coal exports will affect  
farming and ranching in Montana  
and degrade water + air quality  
with increased mining for the benefit  
of China and not the  
USA  
Please study the impact of Coal exports and impacts  
to water and air quality  
and impacts to local communities

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