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Subject: Environmental Filing, Docket No. FD 30186 -Requests regarding Tongue River Railroad EIS

Dear Mr Blodgett,

We are writing to ask you for an extension of time in commenting on the Draft EIS for the proposed Tongue RIVER Railroad (Docekt NO. FD 30186). We are also writing to request a print copy of the document. We did receive a copy of the cd of the EIS. Unfortunately we can not read the disc on the old computer that we have. We also have very slow internet access in our part of Montana. It is almost impossible to download and read the document from the website.

We are writing to ask for more time because we realize that a lot of effort has gone into this EIS. We appreciate the work that has gone into this document and we would like to be able to respond thoroughly and thoughtfully to this EIS. We also appreciate that several hearings have been arranged in communities near us. Any of the choices that are made regarding this document and the Tongue River Railroad will have a huge impact on our home, our businesses and our community. It is important to us to be able understand all that is being assessed and proposed for this project.

As ranchers, we are extremely busy this time of year. This is the time of year when we gather all our cattle, brand and care for all our calves and move cattle to pastures for summer. At our ranch we have two herds. There are three of us to do all of this work. We also help our neighbors when we can. My husband and I also homeschool our two children and I work outside the ranch. We are finding that the combined obstacles of not being able to read the CD along with our very busy days make it very difficult to be able to access and read the document in order to make informed comments on this important project. With a little more time we will be able to read and respond in a meaningful way to this important project. Thank you for considering our requests for a print copy and for more time in the comment comment period.

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