

Derail the Tongue River Railroad

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

I 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

For more information, call Kelsey at 406-248-1154 or email kelsey@northernplains.org

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Since 1972, Northern Plains has organized citizens to protect Montana's water quality, family farms and ranches, and unique quality of life. If you're not a member, you should join!

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I'm concerned that daily 30 COAL TRAINS
one mile long will cause substantial
short and long term quality of life and
health effects, and economic losses

Please study the impact of 'increased traffic, coal dust
increases daily, decreased property values,
and the need for coal export not to mention

The wisdom when coal is not needed now
with the natural gas supply taking its place.

signature



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