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Submission Text

I have been very involved in work to reduce our country's level of green house gases that contribute to dangerous global warming and climate change. That work involves trying reduce and hopefully eliminate coal as a fuel to generate electricity in coming decades. Most of the coal from the Powder River Basin comes to our region, the Pacific Northwest, via rail destined for power plants in Asia and India. If we have any chance of holding the line on increasing global temperatures coal must be replaced by renewable energy sources. Building a rail line to transport a polluting fuel (coal), that may not have a receiving transport terminal, nor receiving power plants makes no economic sense. If this permit is granted the proposed rail line will not only jeopardize your own environment, but yours as well. On this basis I ask that the Office of Environmental Analysis deny the construction of the Tongue River Railroad. Most Sincerely,
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