

Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. FD 35952
395 E. Street SW
Washington, D.C.
204-23-0061

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I am writing regarding my deep concern over the proposed G L B railway. According to the map, this railroad will run right smack through our multi-generational family farm. Our ownership goes back to the mid 1800's and I am the fifth generation owner. It is an 80 acre parcel. I have multiple concerns, too numerous to mention, so I will just zero in on the ones specific to our 80 acres.

1. The railroad track will land lock the back half of the 80 acres.
2. Some very rich top soil will be destroyed, soil will be compacted, tile damage and drainage will become a nightmare.
3. Weeds follow along track lines, both in prolific old ones, as well as new ones not common to the area. That will be extremely detrimental to our crops.
4. Coal is a political dirty word right now, but just the same it is a valuable resource and remains all over our area. The railroad would make it difficult to retrieve years down the road.
5. There is a pipeline running diagonal through the 80 acres and the railroad would have to cross over it at some point.
6. Life out in the country as we know it today would never be the same. A railroad track through our 80 acres would forever dash hopes of building a structure or opt for future opportunities unknown at the present time.

7. We are very concerned about the wait time to get our busy tracks, the number of roads that will get closed because of the tracks, and also the routes having to be altered because of road closings and excessive traffic on the more heavily used roads.
8. Farming is our livelihood. Everytime someone wants to take part of our land we suffer the repercussions with loss of use from what was taken, along with far reaching damages to what is left. Again, we battle land locking, drainage, weeds, and potential liability when strangers overlap on our land, supposedly working on the railroad project or whatever else the railroad sees fit to sell off or lease out.

Please, please, please say no to the Great Lakes Basin railroad project and let us live in peace with the deep pride we have in the gift from our forefathers and the obligation we have to maintain it for our children and grandchildren.

Respectfully,

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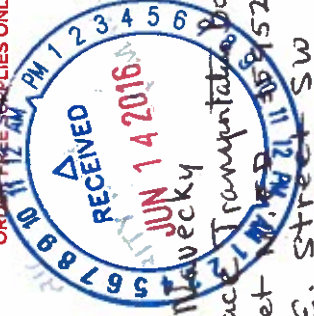
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