



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Office of Environmental Analysis
Tongue River Railroad Project
Environmental Impact Statement

EI-19110

COMMENT FORM

How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at a public meeting, or mail your comments to the Surface Transportation Board's address at the bottom of this page.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a court reporter at a public meeting.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, and clicking on the "E-Filing" link.

Please refer to Docket No. FD 30186 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. The comment deadline is December 6, 2012.

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment again on Docket No FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad from Miles City to Ashland.

I am in favor of this project because it will bring in jobs and tax base for Montana.

1. Noise: I really have problem with the noise, there are five railroad crossings and one underpass in Miles City, Montana. BNSF railroad already have more than plenty going through town. What you are proposing is an additional 20 round trip each week, or 52 trains going through Miles City. The trains blow their whistle 4 times at each, so 52 trains times 4 crossings, times 4 whistles at each crossing for a total of 1040 additional whistles per week.

I know we can use coal revenue, but Tongue River Railroad and BNSF railroad have to get together and install safe crossings that neither railroad would have to blow their horns.

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making Miles City a quiet zone, it surely would help. The curable of trains is something we will have to live with, and this shouldn't be our city taxes to pay for this with the railroads making the money.

2. Miles City is in a flood plain, and we don't need this railroad built to cause more with our already flood problem. Any plan should make sure that the tracks and embankments, and buildings for trains will not funnel waters toward town. It would make people here locally to fill better about all this, if the railroad could help somehow with our dike to help us get out this flood plain.

Thank You So Much

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