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I offer the following comments regarding the Environmental Filing for the Tongue River Railroad project:

*Increased noise and exhaust pollution will degrade the quality of life if the railroad is allowed to be close to farms, ranches, and the nearby Cheyenne Indian Reservation

*Cultural and historic factors need special attention in this area, where the balance between nature and human habitation is so sensitive.

*The impact of this development as proposed on the existing economy of ranching, farming, fishing, and hunting will be negative.

*What is our value system that would allow short-term greed to trump an existing economy with a desirable quality of life and foist additional costs on future generations via heightened global warming impacts?

Regards,
Sen. Bob Hawks