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Submission Text

Dear Folks, I am writing to oppose the Tounge River railroad line. This attempt represents yet another step in the wrong direction for assuring our children's future. History is only moving in one direction and that is away from fossil fuels and the more quickly we make that move, the more habitable the future will be. Rancher Mark Fix, whose ranch is on several proposed railroad routes put the problem like this: "We're talking about giving a private company the power of federal eminent domain to haul coal from a mine that doesn't exist to ports that don't exist to sell into an Asian market that no longer exists. My neighbors and I shouldn't be condemned on speculation." I and many others are struggling to remove barriers to alternative energy that have been placed there by the powerful energy companies. Our voice in government will only increase while the fossil fuels industry is steamrolled by the inevitabilities of sustainable energy development. Please help humanity make the shift instead of hanging on to a sinking ship! Do the right thing and deny the Tounge River railroad expansion! Sincerely,