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Submission Text

I totally oppose the Tongue River Railroad and strip mining at Otter Creek. The EIS is very inadequate. We have global warming, Montana's glaciers are melting, coal plants spew mercury and other pollutants, coal plants are closing down all over the nation, you haven't considered the costs, health and noise impacts from these trains running through my town of Bozeman along with many others in Montana, there is no port on the west coast to handle the volume of coal trains, Asia including China are waking up to the huge costs of the enormous pollution coal is causing and aren't buying as they were, the international market shows this, this railroad and any mining ruins the environment from a very successful agriculture industry in eastern Montana, etc. There is no justification to approve any of this. Wake up and follow President Obama's plans to cut carbon emissions and fully participate. Take your selves out of the sand!