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Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois has a Girl Scout camp 1 mile south of the proposed rail line where the line will cut through Ogle County in Illinois.

I have great concerns about several topics at that location.

1. I understand that some roads will be closed but I'm not clear which roads those maybe. The new line is to run east/west between Rockford and our camp. Being the largest city around our camp, this could make getting to our camp much harder for numerous users.
2. Noise! We already have to deal with low planes coming in for landings during the use of certain runways at the airport and now we will have to deal with the added noise that people go out to camp for peace and quiet.
3. The new RR will cross the Rock River which is located on our entire west boarder not to mention that we own a small island in the river. If there is a spill, that will come down river to potentially impact our shorelines.
4. Lastly, I'm concerned about the effects this could have on ground water. Since most people in that area are on wells, what contaminants could be released into the drinking water of anyone along those tracks. Once it reaches the aquifer, it could affect many households.

Thank you for your time in reading this and considering all comments.



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