

WHEREAS; during the scoping sessions held on or near the Northern Cheyenne reservation there was overwhelming support to the opposition of the proposed Tongue River Railroad; and

WHEREAS; the Northern Cheyenne have cultural and environmental concerns regarding the proposed Tongue River railroad project including water resources; wetlands; groundwater; threatened and endangered Species; Aquifers; geology and soils, Terrestrial Vegetation; wildlife; Fisheries; Air quality and noise; land use; cultural resources and cumulative effects; and

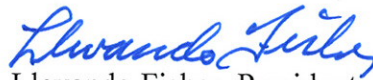
WHEREAS; the Northern Cheyenne Tribe believes that the direct and long term cultural and environmental impacts of the proposed Tongue River Railroad Project will be devastating to the local communities on or near the Northern Cheyenne reservation; and

WHEREAS; the social economic welfare of the Northern Cheyenne reservation and surrounding area will be adversely impacted and undue burden and stress will be placed on local resources including law enforcement, housing, roads, public facilities, and other local resources; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe supports the opposition of the proposed Tongue River Railroad Project and that the proposed project and will do irreparable cumulative harm to the cultural, natural, social/economic, natural and environmental resources within the exterior boundaries of the Northern Cheyenne reservation and on ancestral lands within the proposed undertaking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northern Cheyenne Tribe strongly believes that there is only one alternative and that is the "No Action" alternative and strongly recommends that the Surface Transportation board consider the "No Action" alternative

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 9 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 21st day of September 2015


Llevando Fisher, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

ATTEST:


Melissa Lonebear, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe