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We live along the Columbia River and currently put up with the noise pollution of constant train traffic. We have also found coal ash on our clothes and boat when paddling under a train trestle. The air quality, water quality and quality of life influenced by noise pollution are currently being compromised by coal transport through the Columbia River Gorge. More traffic is very undesirable. If an accident were to occur, then more undesirable effects would result. Enough is enough. Coal should be kept in the ground and not transported until mechanisms for cleaner transport and cleaner use has been developed. Thank you for considering those of us who have nothing to gain and much to lose from this current endeavor. Marcella Lee