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July 21, 2015

Victoria Ruston, Director
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Comment Period for the Proposed Tongue River Railroad Extension

Dear Director Ruston:

As Governor of the State of Montana I have committed to effective government-government relationships with all Montana Tribal Nations. I have worked to develop trust, mutual understanding, and respect for each tribe.

As member of the Board of Land Commissioners, I supported the Northern Cheyenne Tribe Lands Act to rectify a claimed error which deprived the tribe of ownership of sections of Reservation subsurface rights.

I write now in support of the request by the Northern Cheyenne Tribe for an extension of the comment period for the proposed Tongue River Railroad. The railroad will very likely have substantial impacts on the Tribe and the lives of its members.

Thank you for your consideration to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Bullock", written over a horizontal line.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

cc: Llevando Fisher, President Northern Cheyenne Tribe