

ATTN: Dave Navecky - Docket No. FD35952
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket #35952. I oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns are:

1. Messing up the ecosystem permanently by damaging the creeks and rivers that the railroad will be going through especially if there would be a derailment over or near the bodies of water spilling toxic chemicals into them.
2. Damaging natural water flow and drainage tiles those farmers have spent years building and maintaining. GLB Railroad stated that they would have to put the water flow and drainage back to the way it was before the railroad. I know firsthand that this would never happen. Enbridge Pipeline came through one of my farms in 2008 and tile companies have been there 3 times to repair the problem of the water not getting away as it did before the pipeline. Neighbors have the same problem.

I have enclosed 2 maps as an example before and after the tracks would go through. The proposed route cuts through every field at an angle totally devastating the farm ground causing more wasted land which GLB will not pay for.

If prime farmland continues to be taken out of production, where will the food that we eat come from in the future?

These are just a few of the concerns that I have regarding this proposed rail line and I am asking that you please deny their request for a permit to build this unneeded railroad.

Respectfully Submitted by
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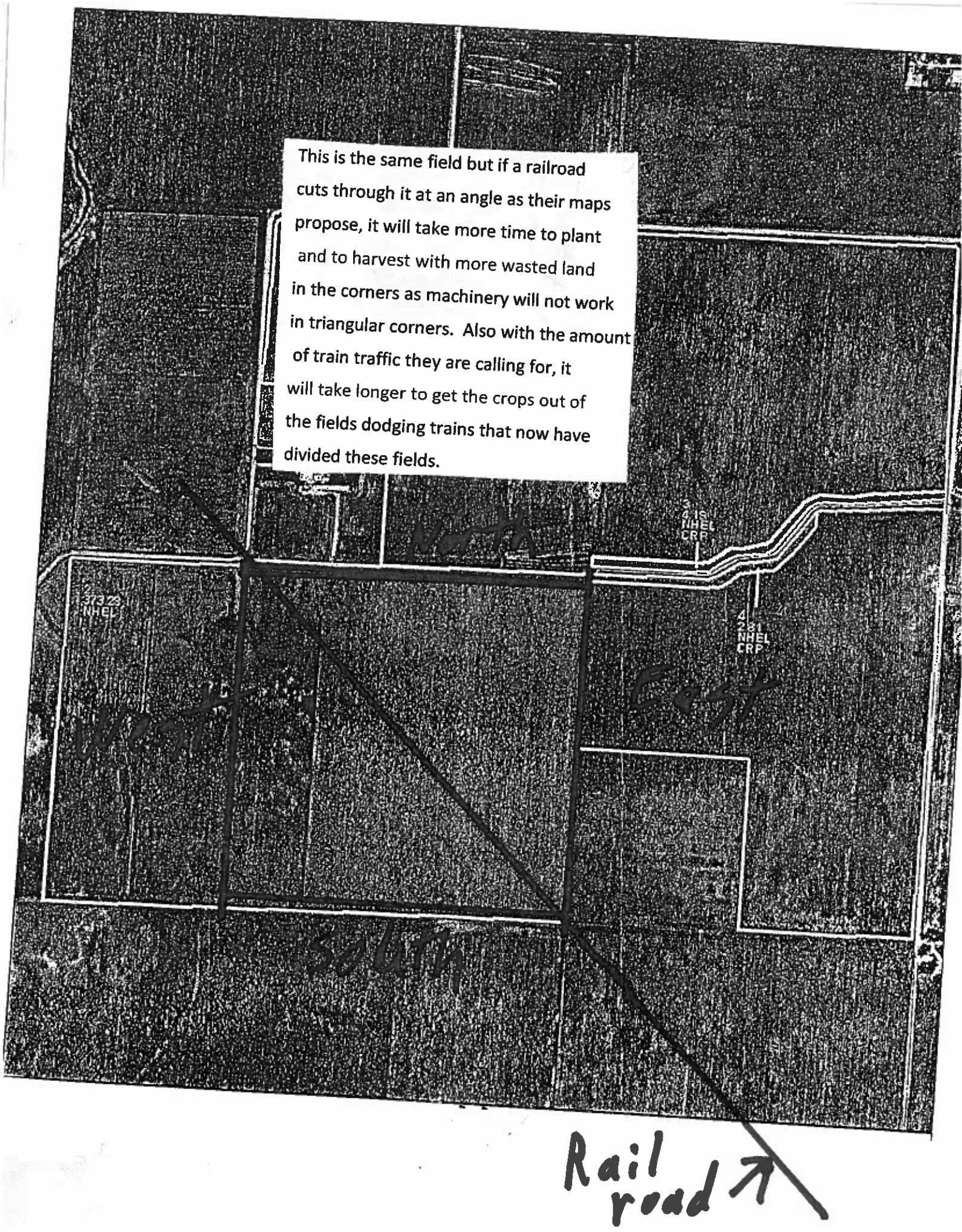
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This is an example of a
square field (160 Acres)
farmed North and South
with no restrictions

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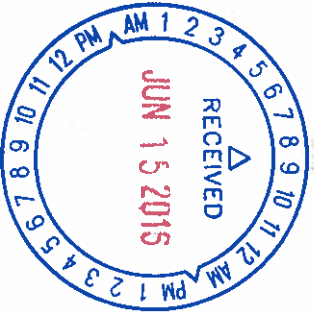
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This is the same field but if a railroad cuts through it at an angle as their maps propose, it will take more time to plant and to harvest with more wasted land in the corners as machinery will not work in triangular corners. Also with the amount of train traffic they are calling for, it will take longer to get the crops out of the fields dodging trains that now have divided these fields.





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