

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:

See attached map and pictures for additional information!

GLB would breach our governmental pollinator environmental protection program that is in place till 2026 and possibly 2031.

Drainage Ditch would be greatly impacted that takes ours and our neighbors field tile water to creek in our timber.

Mr. Patton said he would not cross through timber but he is. Just another lie! Greatly impacting our wildlife - deer, turkeys, hawks, eagles, etc.

Pasture would be cut in half. We wouldn't be able to use pasture east of tracks therefore pasture could only sustain 1/2 our herd.

Safety issue - Verona Rd & Waupescon intersection stops signs and 2 sets of RR crossings to close together. No room for buses and farm equip.

Loss of highly productive farm ground. Corner of triangles in field taken out of production - unable to get large farm equipment into them.

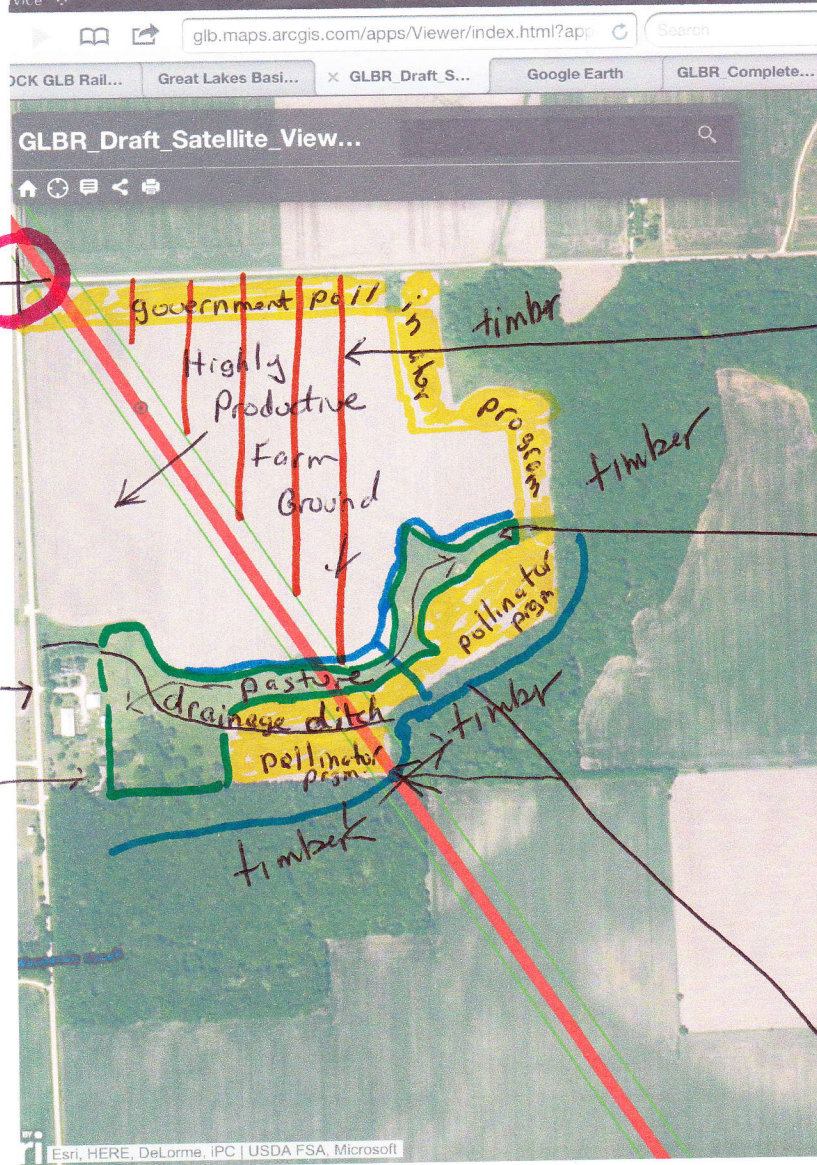
More than a 4% grade slope down and then back up. South creek bank is over 30 foot tall. No bridge on map to cross this large span and ditch and creek in between.

Safety issue - Undisclosed 30 acres of mining and 2 shafts according to ISGS site. The mine entrance is 1 mile ^{from} here. IF a Tractor can fall in SO CAN A TRAIN!!!

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Safety issue - Verna Rd and Waupeca Rd



Field tile impacted by R.R. cut off from drainage ditch.

Pasture - east half would be unassessable. Herd would be cut in half as grass would not sustain them.

Our home →

Our neighbors home who is DNR.

James & Laurie Floishman
Sec 13, NW 156.6 acres
Verna Twp. Grundy Co. Illinois

Over 4% grade
Over 30 foot slope
with a over 30
foot creek
embankment
on South
side



Our historical victorian home!
4,000 sq. feet Built in 1874.
The tower was built so he could
over look his fields - Not a Train!

Picture taken 6/8/16



Our fully remodeled home
completed 5 years ago

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Dinning Room - Beside the
damage the train would do
from vibration on our plaster
walls and plaster crown & center
moldings, it would vibrate
our 20 light crystal chandelier
constantly! Would you
want that constant vibration
in your home!!!
We have 7 crystal chandelier
in our home!!

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Parlor - 12 foot plaster walls
and plaster moldings ceilings.
The vibration of the 110
trains a day would crack
our plaster crown and plaster
center moldings along with
our walls.
Who will pay for that damage?

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Our back yard - pasture - field & timber
view

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Please do not wreck our environmental efforts, highly productive fields, wildlife habitat, pasture, timber, & drainage systems in place!

Our life long efforts are
meant to pass on to our
sons and not for a
rail road to cross it!!!

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Our Back yard view - ^{over 4%} grade -
drainage ditch and creek in our timber,
and slight view of pollinator environmental
field.