

Oct. 31st. 2016

To: Ann Begeman

Hello Ann,

I am writing this letter to state my opposing the Great Lakes Basin Railroad, Docket # FD 35952. ***We could sure use some empathy in our area.*** We are being railroaded by the GLBRR. They recently changed their track direction without even giving us proper time to protest and comment about the direction the tracks are taking in Winnebago County. They have not even followed proper proceeds. How can they just run over the tops of citizens and our land? This train is coming just 70ft off of my bedroom and ½ mile across my farm. Our ground water is very, very high here yet they will run tracks across land that has no rock base till over 200 ft. down? We have a tourism area that will be destroyed. Our pristine farm ground and aquifers will be destroyed; water is life and farms are food. My cattle will have their peaceful pastures taken away from them.

Please help us get more time to submit our comments. Our local politicians are low men on the totem pole, so I want to go to the top to stop this train.

We have hundreds of reasons and comments but we need someone to listen and take notice as to what is happening in our area. If you care to comment or can help me save our area, please contact me. Thank you for taking the time to read and think about this catastrophe we have in our area. I think sometimes it helps to put a face for you to see, not just a letter. This is me with my Grand Champion Belted Galloway bull, Lothario. Please don't let the GLBRR bully us around and take away our farm and home.

Sincerely Kathi Jurkowski



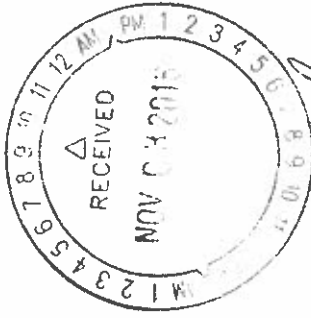


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