

Derail the Tongue River Railroad

Dear Ken Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board, Attention: Environmental filing,

I strongly oppose the construction of the Tongue River Railroad and increased coal-for-export traffic throughout Montana. This proposal would negatively affect my community by condemning private land for corporate profit, just to fuel competing Asian economies. It would take good farm and ranch land out of production, would make farms and ranches more difficult to operate, and would devalue property for 90 miles through the Tongue River Valley. It would also damage irreparably the Tongue River Valley's historical and cultural resources. I urge you to consider these impacts in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement, to act upon the statewide opposition to this project, and to pursue the no-action alternative.

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Thank you

signature

For more information, call Kelsey at **406-248-1154** or email **kelsey@northernplains.org**

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I'm concerned that the pristine area of the Tongue River valley will be degraded by industrialization by railway. I am also concerned about the local noise and health impacts more coal trains will have on towns.

Please study the impact of the environmental and climate change effects of 1.4 billion tons of coal being dug up, transported, and consumed in Arizona. Study the local impacts of the towns and states the coal is being excavated and transported through as well as global climate impacts.



**Surface Transportation Board TRR EIS comments
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