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Re:STB Finance Docket No. 35095
Proposed rail route in south central Alaska

I sincerely hope and pray you do not choose the Willow route. This is a rural area and for most of us who live here, we chose to live here because it is rural. We like that it is not over developed and fear that a train line would bring unwanted development. While not opposed to orderly expansion, this train would be more noise, dirt and traffic than the Willow area needs. We love our quiet, our access to an extensive trail system, our fishing rivers and our abundant wildlife. The area depends on tourism for many of its' dollars. In a community where the majority is elderly, this income is important. Please look long and hard before deciding to put this train line in our backyards...and for some it will literally be that way. This line should have been decided on years ago before folks moved here and put down roots. Most of us would not choose to live next to a rail line.

Thank you.
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