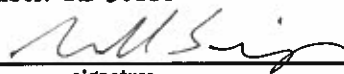


Derail the Tongue River Railroad

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 
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I'm concerned that the TRR is moving Montana in the wrong direction. Coal & rail corporations will be the winners in this export scheme, while the public picks up the tab (in Bozeman: dealing with increased train traffic).

Please study the impact of all cumulative effects of the TRR — from the mines to the ports, plus impacts of the coal being burned. The hour of ~~et~~ human-caused climate change is too late to see its causes in a fragmented, compartmentalized way.

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

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