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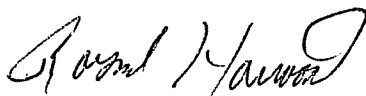
To the Board:

I own land that the proposed Tongue River Railroad will go through. This land is my sole source of livelihood as I am a self-employed rancher. I have the following concerns:

- Railroad will devalue land prices as it separates my land into two parcels.
- Railroad proposes only two cattle passes within 2 1/2 miles which is the length of my entire property which is inadequate.
- Cattle will not be able to graze pastures naturally up and down creeks.
- Cattle access to water will be limited.
- There will be two fence lines to maintain where the railroad track runs which is added expense to my business.
- I allow public hunting on my land. Game movement will be disturbed due to railroad traffic and extra fences.

The railroad needs to be routed to do the least amount of damage to land and ranch operation. An alternate route where a public road already exists would disturb less land.

Sincerely,



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