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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001
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Re: Environmental Analysis for the Tongue River Railroad

Dear Sir,

This letter is to request that the environmental analysis of a Tongue River Railroad you are now embarking on include a full-blown environmental impact statement that comprehensively considers and includes all environmental and economic impacts this line will have on planetary climate change, agricultural operations and communities in the area, and other rail transport.

I find it especially imperative that you consider the climate change impacts of digging, hauling, and burning 1.3 billion tons of coal. The analysis must consider the possibility that a new rail line could lead to the digging, hauling and burning of other coal resources in the area, contributing even more than the projected 2.6 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions that will result from the development of the Otter Creek tracts alone.

Approval of the Tongue River railroad will have a major impact on the way of life in and health of our communities, and on our economy. We don't want more dirty coal trains clogging up rail lines, disrupting our communities, and displacing the hauling of Montana's agricultural commodities.

Thank you for including these comments in your considerations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gonniesiebel", with a large, stylized loop at the end.