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This county is known as Big Sky County, we are known for our clean air, beautiful landscapes, and friendliness. The impact to my hometown, Bozeman, would be devastated by the partials of coal left behind as the train travels from the coal mines to be exported out on the west coast. I would not want my son to grow up in a polluted area, that was once clean land. I can only imagine the different ways, of how coal could seep into the earth and eventually end up in our water supplies. And no one, left to be responsible. Also the noise pollution, the trains can be very loud. I live about 20 miles, if not more, from the railroad tracks; the sound of a train, I can hear from inside my house. This is not normal. For these reason I am writing you, I believe that there are good people out there with power that can make a difference for the people. I hope you, Ms. Rutson, are one of these people. We need more of us to speak for the quiet voices, and reading these emails will help you decide how much the people of Big Sky County care for their land, their people, and their future.