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Submission Text

I urge the board to vote for the NO ACTION alternative on the Tongue River Railroad EIS. There is no public need for this railroad and the impacts of burning this coal, particularly the increase in global warming, far outweigh any benefits. The coal is not needed for domestic energy production, which means it will be exported to Asia through ports that don't exist, and through cities that have already stated they don't want anymore coal trains passing through. Coal is an increasingly obsolete energy source. The coal industry is dying, and it should be allowed to die a natural death. The Tongue River Railroad is not in the public interest and no public money should be spent on permitting an expansion of coal industry infrastructure, nor should the railroad have the right to condemn private land unless a clear public need is proven beyond a reasonable doubt. TRRC has failed to prove there is a need for this boondoggle, and this project needs to be shelved for good. Please vote for the No Action alternative.