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Ken Blodgett
Surface transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20403

Dear Ken,

As a landowner and Party of Record on the Tongue River Railroad issue, I was surprised to find within the recent Surface Transportation Board Scoping notice, a new "alternative route" of a rail spur connecting the proposed Tongue River Railroad to an existing spur near the town of Colstrip. From the written description in the notice, I believe this new alternate route may bisect approximately 5 miles of our summer pasture. This is the first I have heard of this "alternative route". The map sent with the notice was not of sufficient detail to decipher the exact route, so I am writing this letter to request detailed maps of this new proposed route. I am aware that these maps do exist, as they were present at a meeting in Helena last Thursday, October 25th among the agencies that will be cooperating on the environmental impact statement. The scoping meetings are quickly approaching so it is imperative that landowners and the public have full information on the proposal immediately. I would appreciate having a map with the alternative routes in more detail so we have a reasonable opportunity to comment.

Please send the maps to the address below.

Sincerely,

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