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Attention: Victoria Rutson, Environmental Project Manager

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Dear Ms. Rutson:

A Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) concerning the Powder River Basin Expansion Project of the DM&E Railroad was recently completed. As it relates to the trackage in the Mankato area, the DEIS concluded that the environmentally preferred route is the alternative M-2 route, commonly referred to as the Southern By-Pass Route.

This is a very controversial recommendation, and I would like to share my opinion with you and the Surface Transportation Board.

Opinion: I FEEL IT will Affect The wildlife AND Pollute the Air AND I Spend lots of Ti
AND money feeding the birds and other Animals I really Enjoy my yard and
don't Think I should be Exposed to the noise of Air pollution caused by TRAINS. I Also don't Th
people who have lived in their homes So many years should be Expected to give them
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up because Someone WANTS To put A RAILROAD Through.

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