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DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project
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Please provide any comments on the DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project Draft EIS.

I feel that the DM&E rail line needs the upgrade that is being proposed. The present line infrastructure is old and worn out. Of course it is a lot better than when they acquired it and that is commendable.

According to our local elevator manager and several rail lines should reduce the transportation costs for farm products and thus make for further prices. This could be a boost to the whole states economy.

Probably the only way to accomplish this is to have the increased use of the track for hauling coal besides having the present commodities to transport.

I live very close to the DM&E main line and I feel much closer than do the people in Brookings that are complaining about the train being kept on its present line in Brookings. The issue of the train is not a problem.

A bypass by Brookings seems like it would be more of a safety hazard than having the rail line where it is now.

Additional comments: *I have been to Sioux Falls in Ark where the coal trains
run and they don't seem to be a problem there.*

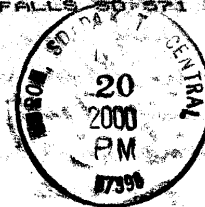
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