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To the Vulcan Representative and STB

We cannot express to you the fear and mental anguish we have been going through worrying about losing our home and ranch. All of our assets are on this property and more importantly our home where we plan to live out the rest of our years.

If you build a railroad through or near here it will either destroy or devalue everything we have left. We, as well as almost all of our neighbors, are senior citizens who have sought the tranquility of country life as our retirement homes. We, as well as most of our neighbors, are physically challenged by the idea of having to find a new home and or relocate because of the repercussions of the future growth of traffic, noise and the rumblings of a rail system through our country roads.

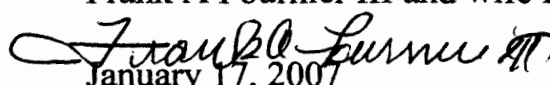
Our only water supply is our well. We know that the Edwards Aquifer will be jeopardized if you install your present plans. Our property is located between FM 2676 and CR 354, just behind Don Rios' ranch. A geoscientist from Baker Hughes studied our property and is sure a rail system this close would damage the casing of our well.

It is imperative that you find another alternate route instead of the proposed Eastern route so as to minimize minimal adverse ~~direct impacts~~ and not interrupt so many lives. Serious considerations on rerouting the rail route thru the most eastern path (Medina Dam route) so that any burdens be tendered to the proprietor of such quarry land. Dozens of innocent homeowners and ranchers should not be penalized for his profit.

We are not spots on a map, we, and all our neighbors, are real people with real homes and dreams. We intend to take every means possible to abandon the issue of a railroad or reroute the ~~proposed~~ rail lines in order to defend our homes and lives.

Sincerely,

Frank A Fournier III and wife Dottie Singleton

 
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