

**Docket No. FD 35952 - Great Lakes Basin RR****Dale Hoots** to: david.navecky

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Dear Mr. Navecky, please use this email as a record of my opposition to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad.

I am located in Manteno, IL and the far western portion of the proposed railroad goes through a portion of my property, just 200 feet from my house. I am very disappointed in the fact that public notification has been almost nonexistent to those who are directly impacted. The plan for the railroad seems to take a meandering route through each and every county and will directly affect tens of thousands of people, splits prime farmland into sections, close access to roads and will destroy the value of our property. The person next door to me has 23 acres for sale, it will be split in half and never be able to be sold for homes and the farmland value will plummet.

I was born and raised in Manteno. The western portion of the proposed switching yard goes right through a mobile home park I used to own. It will devastate those people who live there for the affordable housing. They will never be able to recoup the loss of the home. Relocating a mobile home is impossible to do in Kankakee County and is cost prohibitive based on the age of the home. One person has been there 48 years, he will be at a total loss of what to do next.

The 23 square mile area for the switching yard will take out hundreds of homes and prime farmland, cause major disruptions to all of our existing roads and bring congestion to every facet of the community. We are already overloaded with trucks going in/out of the distributions centers here in town, our township roads are flooded with cars now, and the infrastructure here is crumbling....we do not need any more of it.

I am opposed to the GLB plan and I would hope you and the STB would vote against it.

Thank you.

Regards
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