

ATTN: Docket # FD-35952

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Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001
Mr. Blodgett,

After reviewing the available information about the proposed Great Lakes Basin (GLB) rail project, it is my opinion that the proposed GLB project has failed to sufficiently provide documentation that supports public convenience and necessity. For the following reasons I respectfully request that the STB cease any further action on this project.

My Husband and I bought 18 acers in 1991. In 1992, we planted 6,000 trees on 10 acres for reforestation, future timbers and wildlife habitat. Plantings also included 6 acers of three native prairie grasses, wild flowers and native fruit trees and shrubs. We have supported and helped maintain animal and wild bird species including wild turkeys and the gold finch. Our green space is helpful for clean air. We know that the delicate balance would be greatly upset from chemicals stemming from the building and operating of the rail. Another concern is pollution caused by the rail for the water-replenishing table affecting our well and drinking water. Road safety and emergency response is another negative factor since there would be 4 rail at grade crossings within a one mile radius in our area alone. We built our log home on the property in 1993 doing some of the work ourselves. Curving out a little piece of heaven has taken much effort, cost and time. Please don't let it be destroyed by the selfish interests of big business and Frank Patton personal gain.

The above provided information is what led me to the conclusion that the proposed GLB project is inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity. It was insufficiently vetted before starting the approval process. I respectfully request that the STB takes "no action" on this project. Thank you for your time in this matter.

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