

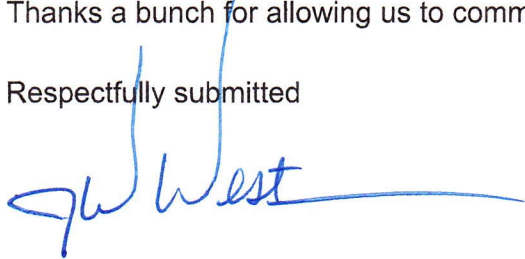
The Westman Family resides in Park City, MT. We wish to have our Tongue River Railroad comment of "No Action" alternative added to the official record.

We especially do not like the idea of private businesses being allowed to gain access to private property by the power of Federal "eminent domain". Something about that really rubs us the wrong way, to us it amounts to a taking and is contrary to private property rights. Further, the TRR slashes to ribbons generations of farming and ranching in the area.

The inclusion of heavy, industrial train activity doesn't replace the value we place on our Montana agricultural lands and the families those lands support, those folks are our neighbors. The railroad would sever agriculture lands, impact water in an area of scarce water resources, increase the spread of noxious weeds, negatively impact of Native American cultural sites and would negatively impact the area's precious outdoor traditions of hunting and our publicly owned wildlife resources.

The TRR would actually displace production at other area coal mines and have a negative impact on those families that depend on those jobs. It is with these aforementioned reasons the Westman Family says no to Tongue River Railroad. Please record our **No Action** preference. Thanks a bunch for allowing us to comment on this important issue to Montanans.

Respectfully submitted



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