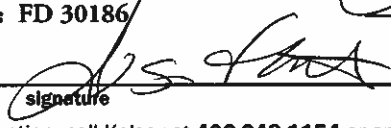


Derail the Tongue River Railroad

Dear Ken Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board, Attention: Environmental filing,

I strongly oppose the construction of the Tongue River Railroad and increased coal-for-export traffic throughout Montana. This proposal would negatively affect my community by condemning private land for corporate profit, just to fuel competing Asian economies. It would take good farm and ranch land out of production, would make farms and ranches more difficult to operate, and would devalue property for 90 miles through the Tongue River Valley. It would also damage irreparably the Tongue River Valley's historical and cultural resources. I urge you to consider these impacts in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement, to act upon the statewide opposition to this project, and to pursue the no-action alternative.

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Thank you 

For more information, call Kelsey at 406-248-1154 or email kelsey@northernplains.org

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I'm concerned that our state is still being
considered a "national sacrifice
area." Now it's not for the
nation but for profits for the
coal companies.

Please study the impact of mining and burning this
coal on climate change -
as well as particulates from
the coal on the health of

communities in the
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