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Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Docket No. 30186

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am writing in regards to the Tongue River Railroad DEIS on behalf of the Idaho Conservation League. Since 1973, the Idaho Conservation League has been Idaho's voice for clean water, clean air and wilderness—values that are the foundation for Idaho's extraordinary quality of life. The Idaho Conservation League works to protect these values through public education, outreach, advocacy and policy development. As Idaho's largest state-based conservation organization, we represent over 20,000 supporters, many of whom have a deep personal interest in protecting public health and environment of North Idaho.

We are writing to request an extension of the comment period for the Tongue River Railroad DEIS. The 60-day comment period is insufficient time to thoroughly study this massive document and provide you with the information you need to make a decision on this project. Your agency has spent many years and months reviewing this project, and extending the comment period another 60 days to give the public adequate time to study and respond to this DEIS would constitute a small delay in the context of the overall process.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (208) 265-9565.

Regards,

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