



Great Lakes Basin Rail Line

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

EI-24695

How Do I Submit Comments?

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Please refer to Docket No. FD 35952 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. The comment deadline is ~~May 10, 2010~~: *June 15, 2010*

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A) Land Environmental Issues Great Lakes Basin Rail Line

Kankakee County 42.2 miles begins Indiana to Grundy Illinois County. "Impact on current land use; impacts of agricultural activities; land locked fields, increased fuel use fields are dissected, destruction of soil a non-renewable natural resource, soil drainage and natural land contours disrupt recreation energy resources; Socioeconomics of the agricultural community. Related to Kankakee County Farm Bureau indicates the project could cost the nearly five percent of its Farm land, an economic loss of approximately \$69 million and agricultural 200 jobs."

B) Environmental and Community Issues

- Manteno Legacy Park is adjacent the Interstate I-57 will increase emissions, noises and affect air quality. The Great Lakes Basin Rail line at Manteno 10.5 mile. Legacy Park a 1/4 mile from GLBRL.
- Manteno Lake is adjacent of Canadian Railroad will increase emissions, noises will maybe water lake resources. 1/2 mile from GLBRL.
- Mobile Homes across Legacy Park with about 200 residents people. Senior Retirement, family, single and friends all their mobile homes at Manteno. Again emissions, noises, and vibrations.
- Kankakee River State Park - GLBRL bridge right around Warner Bridge right on the the State Park huge noises, emissions, and wild creatures.

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C) Analysis of environmental and community impacts.

- Land that misses their opportunities of agricultural and jobs will loss even new agricultural products. Opportunities will loss even more \$69 million and 200 jobs for each year. Losses every year for ever from GLBRL.

D) Alternates

- a) GLBRL currently the path is 10.5 mile east to west, Manteno until farther the path around 11 mile or even 11.5 mile. Moving east the path Manteno far emissions, noises and water resources the Leary Park, Mobile Homes and the Lake Manteno.
- b) Suggest stay away from the rail terminal (rail port) Manteno. Why? The path is prime choice land Kankakee. Take GLBRL Railport less agricultural land to another Illinois County, Indiana and Wisconsin.
- c. Please note crude fuel hazardous tank railcars making more their tanks and increasing their mileage. The origin of the crude oil is the New and old tanks cars making the product from North & South Dakota and Canada. Therefore, the Surface Transportation Board should and ask the Keystone Pipeline. Again. The Keystone Pipeline makes is better safety than the hazardous tank railcars and even less the cost.
- d. Please note Conrail was a failure as a public railroad. Do not again, rail should experience and professional people NOT GLBRL.
- e. Eliminate the GLBRL.



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