

**Final Scope of Study: Tongue River Railroad Construction Project (FD 30186)**

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Dear Consulting Party,

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) has issued the Final Scope of Study for the Tongue River Railroad Construction (TRRC) Project. The Final Scope addresses comments that were submitted to the Board during the scoping comment period, summarizes those comments, and states what environmental issues will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The DEIS will identify the potential environmental impacts from the proposed rail line and alternatives, and address the environmental issues identified during the scoping process and detailed in the Final Scope. It will also discuss a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed action, including a no-action alternative, and recommend environmental mitigation measures, as appropriate.

To view the Final Scope of Study on the Board's web site, click [here](#). The Final Scope is also available on the Project [website](#).

If you have any questions regarding the Final Scope, please contact Kenneth Blodgett, the Environmental Manager for this case. He can be reached at 202-245-0305, or blodgettk@stb.dot.gov. Please feel free to contact me as well if your concerns are related to cultural resources issues discussed in the Final Scope.

Best Regards,

-Cathy

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