

Chairman Daniel Elliot :

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My concerns on the Proposed T.R.R. line.
On the Proposed Colstrip Alternative Route
it would sever our farm land under
a wheel line irrigation system to the extend
it would be difficult to the extend to
make it almost impractical to operate.
how does T.R.R. propose to compensate landown
in such a case ?

who or how is water going to be tested so
the ranchers can be sure the water is safe
for livestock and irrigation purposes ?

The same with the noise level and air quality
will this be a state or local problem ?

Our group (non motorized vehicular) has never had
or been required to have (since our (faith) was started,
liability insurance. (Amish)

with the proposed line it would sever 4 house hold
from therest of the group which will require
crossings or means of crossing how will T.R.R.
respond or mitigate such ?

written by one of the landowners, also the leader of
this group of 20 families.

Sincerely.

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The Proposed Colstrip Alignment
Route for the Tongue River Rail
Road, cuts thru the Amish Community
located in the Tongue River Valley
9 miles North of Ashland - the
community of 15 years, and 128
people, have 6 land owners and
more than a dozen leases.

The Proposed Route cuts thru the
North end of the Community
severing and isolating 4 house-
holds, ^{cutting} school children of all ages
from the school, cutting thru wheel-
line irrigated fields rendering
the Irrigation System disfunctional.
We make our living on the land

Railings, Beef Cows, Milk Cows,
Horses, Ponies, Goats, Sheep, Hogs,
chickens and deer. We drive
in Motor Vehicles, and depend
on horses to do the farm work
and Pull the Carriages. Livestock
Especially Horses don't mix with
the rail road. If the rail lines
were to go thru the proposed
Park, It would cause a
disruption to the extent that
some families would have to
be relocated, And there is no
place for expansion in the
Tennessee River Valley the whole
community would have to be
relocated, As the whole

community would be effected directly and Indirectly. Who is to Stand the Costs of all the losses and Costs created by the Rail Road?

We have no Liability or other Insurance, who would Stand the losses of Live Stock or any other losses on the Rail Road?

There Are many Wells, Artesian and Shallow ^{In the Community}, and River water is used for Irrigating Farm Crops and gardens. If the water Quality Goes bad to where it's unusable and/or wells dry up or Quit Flowing Due To the Coal Mine and/or Rail Road.

Who will stand the losses?

How wide would the Right of way
Be. And IF Fenced on Both Sides

How wide would it be fenced?

We Just want To Live Quiet
And Peacefully as we all have
a right to. However A Rail Road

On the Proposed Route And the
Amount of Train Expected Per day
Would Shatter the Peace and Quiet
of the Valley - How can you
Put a price on that?

With the Increased amount of
People and Traffic the coal mine
and the Rail Road would bring to
the Ashland Community and Tongue.

Rover Road. IT would Render
it unsafe To Travel the Tongue
River Road Horseback or with
Horse and Buggy. SEVERING our
connection with Ashland where
we Bank and Shop.

This was written by Eli Yoder a landowner
and member of this group^{of} 20 families
all have concerns similar to this plus
others.

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