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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

NOTICE

Docket No. FD 30186

Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Mont.

Extension of Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the above-captioned proceeding on April 17, 2015, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published notice in the Federal Register on April 24, 2015 initiating a 60-day public comment period. Comments were originally due by June 23, 2015. In response to a number of requests for an extension of the comment period, OEA extended the public comment period an additional 60 days until August 24, 2015. OEA has received additional requests for another extension of the comment period and is issuing this Notice to advise the public and all interested parties that the comment period will be extended again an additional 30 days. Comments are now due by **September 23, 2015**. **No further extensions of time will be granted.**

After the close of the extended comment period, OEA will prepare a Final EIS that responds to comments received on the Draft EIS. When deciding whether to grant final approval of the proposed project, the Board will consider the Draft EIS, the Final EIS, and all environmental comments that are received. Any comments previously submitted on the Draft EIS need not be resubmitted.

Comments submitted by mail should be addressed to: Ken Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, Attention: Environmental filing, Docket No. FD 30186.

Comments may also be filed electronically on the Board-sponsored project website, <http://www.tonguerivereis.com>.

Please refer to **Docket No. FD 30186** in all correspondence, including comments filed electronically, addressed to the Board. Comments on the Draft EIS are now due by **September 23, 2015**. For more information about the Board's environmental review process and the EIS, please call OEA's toll-free number for the project at 1-866-622-4355 or visit the Board-sponsored project website at www.tonguerivereis.com.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.