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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Sincerely,

Kevin Dowling

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Dear Mr. Blodgett:

I have COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and depend on the air I breathe to be clean so I need you to protect my lungs and thus all of our lungs. Coal dust is not clean.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Starshine
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Dear Mr. Blodgett:

China is now producing twice as much green house gas as the US. We continue to see the escalating destruction caused by global warming. If Montana's coal is shipped to China, as is Arch Coal's plan, then we not only reap the effects of more global warming but sit downwind from all of the pollutants that will enter the jet stream. It's time to look at the big picture and begin to address these issues.

The proposed Tongue River Railroad is not about "public convenience and necessity" or even about making the US energy independent. It's about an investment that the coal industry made forty years ago in obtaining cheap western coal and they are now in denial about the end of an era and the loss of potential profits from their investment. The market for coal in the US is declining so they want to reap their profits by selling that coal to China instead.

It's time. You have the ability to effect change and help chart a new course for the world's energy future and for the millions of people whose investments and lives will be under water if we don't change our ways.

The Tongue River Railroad is a private railroad for private profit, pure and simple. It should not be built.

Sincerely,

Paul Hawks

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Dear Mr. Blodgett:

There is no public necessity for the Tongue River Railroad, and no valid reason for it to be granted the power of eminent domain, subverting the property rights of family ranchers who have been serving the country for generations with their productivity and hard work.

So much for your scoping -- this project is simply a private land grab to benefit the corporations at the expense of the landowners. STB approval would be a travesty.

Hugh Zackheim
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As a historian, I have had the opportunity to learn of the historical and archaeological values of the Tongue River Valley over the past fifteen years and feel that both historical and archaeological resources need also to be protected.

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of developing this railroad just to aid in profitability of Arch Coal or to send coal to Asia.
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Sincerely,
Jeff and Susie Peila
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Dear Mr. Blodgett:

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I urge the EIS to analyze the following:

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----- Indeed, the coal mining operations and the railroads would also contribute toward the climate crisis.

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Sincerely,
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Dear Mr. Blodgett:

You progress we have made regarding the burning of coal in this country will only be undermined if:

1. We ship coal in any direction across the country, polluting our air, soils, and waterways
2. Allow the coal to be burned in another part of the world

The same CO₂ is released into the atmosphere, no matter where it is burned. There is a reason why nature buried all the CO₂ in the ground. We must refrain from burning it for financial gain!

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Thank you, Laulette L. Hansen

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am writing to you about the proposed Tongue River Railroad that will haul coal through the Tongue River Valley.

I strongly believe that this project should not proceed because it will contribute to the most serious crisis that the human race faces today - climate change.

There is no question that the predictions of climate scientists are coming true. Every day we see more evidence. Arctic ice and glaciers around the world are melting at unprecedented rates. Increases in fresh water and warming are causing sea levels to rise, threatening coastal cities. At the same time, our warming atmosphere holds more moisture and storms are more severe. Hurricane Sandy caused an estimated \$50 billion in damage when it hit the east coast just a few weeks ago. These are just some of the reasons that the US military considers climate change the most serious threat to national security we face today.

The cause of climate change, as you know, is increasing levels of CO2 and other heat-trapping gases in our atmosphere. The biggest contributor to CO2 in the US today is the burning of coal. Why then, are we even considering mining Montana coal, transporting it to the west coast by rail, and shipping it to China to be burned? Our atmosphere is a precious resource we share with every living organism on Earth. What is burned in China will affect all of us, increasing the levels of CO2 in our atmosphere significantly.

It doesn't make sense to destroy the dynamic systems we depend on for life. The threat of even deeper climactic changes are too costly a price for the short-term profits of coal companies. Leave the coal in the ground and forget about the Tongue River Railway!

Sincerely,

Anne Greene

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GRACE NEFF
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ALBANY, OR 97322

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These companies should have thought about delivery to the Pacific Coast long before they bought/contracted for the coal.

Tom Barron
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Thank you for listening,
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PLEASE DO NOT SACRIFICE OUR UNITED STATES TO DIRTY COAL SO A FEW MAY PROFIT. Do it for my child, a husband and father, and his children. Do it for all the children. Do it for the health of the people in our communities.

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As someone who has seen the spectacular wildlife habitat of the Tongue River Valley firsthand, I am very concerned about the potential effects of a new railroad on mule deer, elk, pronghorn, and other wildlife species in the area. Besides the direct impacts from a railroad that would transect wildlife ranges, the TRR project would enable construction of the Otter Creek Coal Mine, and industrialization of a wider area in the Tongue River Valley. The EIS should carefully examine any potential impacts of such activity on wildlife populations.

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I believe that if the full environmental impacts of the TRR are accounted for, it will become clear that this project is not in the public interest, or in the interest of Montanan citizens. I urge the Surface Transportation Board to carefully consider the impacts of this project on wildlife, the climate, and landowners.

Respectfully,

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