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My name is Janet McMillan
first name last name
My address is 10120 Sinner Hill Rd
street
Greenough Mont 59823
city or town state ZIP
mcjanett@blackfoot.net (406) 244-0300
email phone

I'm concerned that Other Creek Coal is going to China, and destroying our state
it will result from allowing
The Tongue River Railroad to be built

Please study the impact of Building a railroad along the
Tongue River, on the ranches the RR would
cross, and the infrastructure it would
require, the communities that will be affected

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My name is Stephanie Cebulla
first name last name
My address is 508 N. 4th Ave.
street
Bozeman MT 59715
city or town state ZIP
Stephulla@hotmail.com
email phone

I'm concerned that this proposal would negatively
affect my community by condemning private
land and ranch land out of production.

Please study the impact of this proposal.

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My name is Johanna DeVries
first name last name
My address is 1304 W. Montana St
street
Livingston MT 59047
city or town state ZIP
jdevries@hotmail.com
email phone

I'm concerned that the Tongue River area will be adversely affected and that historical landowners will be displaced in order to produce ^{more} coal to other countries.

Please study the impact of climate change + its effects on our society + whether this is a long term solution to the US economic outlook.

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My name is LAND LINDBERGH
first name last name
My address is 10120 Sunset Hill Road
street
Greenough MT 59823
city or town state ZIP
homestead@blackfoot.net (406) 244-5522
email phone

I'm concerned that corporate coal and railroad interests will be allowed to supercede those of local people and also ignore the effects of encouraging coal use on the world

Please study the impact of ~~the~~ THE underlined sections in the accompanying letter to Ken Blodgett

To Surface Transportation Board

Tongue River Railroads

STB must do a new, thorough
eis about TFR because of new
routes and the fact that the
original EIS was judged inadequate
and incomplete by 9th Circuit
court of Appeals -

Eastern MT. fires killed thousands
of cattle and destroyed many homes
no grass after the fires are
causing ranchers to have to
sell off herds and risk ruin -

Fires started off trains will
~~be~~ mean ~~a~~ reoccurring event

Please include Montana
in any deliberations -

Carolyn W Walker
411 Woodworth Ave
Missoula MT 59801

I was one of the very
first founders
of MPRC in 1971

My name is Bryan Nickerson
and I am a 17 year old
resident of Montana. I am wondering
why the tongue river railroad is
even in consideration. Economically
it is not viable for Montanans.
It will hurt our public health.
It will hurt our environment. It
will harm the security of our
nation. Even worse it will block
the ability for us to improve
all of the above.

Bryan Nickerson
3915 Lincoln Rd
Missoula MT 59802

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My name is Megan Marolf
first name last name
My address is 816 Chestnut St.
street
Missoula MT 59801
city or town state ZIP
megan.marolf@montana.edu 830-5393
email phone

I'm concerned that the sale of cheap coal to China will accelerate global warming, that the coal dust from trains will lead to health problems in Missoula and that taxpayers will pay for problems caused by these railroads
Please study the impact of higher amounts of CO2 emitted, health effects of noise and air pollution from the cars, and environmental effects of building another railroad through the northwest.

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My name is Susan Clarion
first name last name
My address is 115 University Ave
street
Missoula MT 59801
city or town state ZIP
sushiclarion@yahoo.com 406 552-7919
email phone

I'm concerned that this proposal would damage forever the Tongue River Valley's historical + cultural resources + that it would be funding competing Asian economies :
Please study the impact of this proposal to consider impacts in the scope of Environmental Impact Statement.

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My name is *Maheh* *Dobbs*
first name last name
My address is *957 Mann Creek Rd*
street
Weiser *Id* *83672*
city or town state ZIP
dobbsmaheh@qpsbo.com *208-549-3433*
email phone

I'm concerned that _____

Please study the impact of _____

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Thank you *Norma Clum*
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My name is *Norm* *Clum*
first name last name
My address is *1208 First St.*
street
LA GRANDE *OREGON* *97850*
city or town state ZIP
NCIMOV@OREGONRAIL.NET *541-963-0853*
email phone

I'm concerned that *THE DETERIORATION IN AIR QUALITY*
FROM EVEN MORE OPEN-CAR TRANSPORT
OF COAL HAS SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH.

Please study the impact of *500-1000 LBS OF COAL DUST/CAR*
DISCHARGED TO THE ATMOSPHERE, AND
THE SURROUNDING WATER SALES.

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Svein Newman
signature

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My name is Svein Newman
first name last name

My address is 751 Lewis Ave.
street
Billings MT 59101
city or town state ZIP

email phone

I'm concerned that property owners will be condemned
for a project that is not in the
national interest.

Please study the impact of the TRR on agriculture.

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Gary Matson
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My name is Gary Matson
first name last name

My address is PO Box 308
street
Milltown MT 59851
city or town state ZIP

gmatson@montana.com 406 370 4584
email phone

I'm concerned that Expanding coal production
will do more long-term harm
than it will good.

Please study the impact of Quantity the CO2
release and degrees of global
temperature rise that would be
caused by burning this coal

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My name is Janet D Fiero
first name last name
My address is 812 S Garfield St
street
Missoula MT 59801
city or town state ZIP
janetfiero73@gmail.com 906 203 2164
email phone

I'm concerned that communities along the railroad
will have increased health issues
health care costs. When will
corporations have to pay the full cost
of extracting & shipping coal?
Please study the impact of extracting, shipping &
burning coal on human health & health
care costs. Also study the impact of
the empty ships returning from China with
a behest of water that they dump
off western coast



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Thank you Maria Ibarbia
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My name is Maria Ibarbia
first name last name
My address is POB 277 Milltown
street
MT 59851
city or town state ZIP
406.258.2753
phone

I'm concerned that this decision is circumventing
the people of MT. Our air & water
quality will be severely affected.
No railroad.

Please study the impact of increased coal exports on
the communities, environment, air &
water quality in Montana.



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Thank you M. Andersen
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My name is MAX ANDERSEN
first name last name
My address is 1204 PONDEROSA DR
street
MISSOULA MT 59802
city or town state ZIP
amaxandersen@msn.com 4064930606
email phone

I'm concerned that taking private land for sole purpose
of allowing a foreign nation(s) to use America
resources will cause destruction of local
nature, wildlife habitat, potential agriculture and
the health of montanians.

Please study the impact of using eminent domain and/or taking
private land for rail road purpose versus
letting China use its own coal resources.
Specifically study impacts to local agriculture
wild life and health of local population.



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My name is Ilona Popper
first name last name

My address is 70 Box 981
street
Cardino MT 59030
city or town state ZIP

406-223-9632
email phone

I'm concerned that my economy depends on
pristine wilderness, wildlife,
clean air & earth: four in a row

Montana's ecology protects
Please study the impact of the health of its
citizens too.

Don't sell out our health
for a profit that benefits
a few.

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My name is Richard Newman
first name last name

My address is Box 833
street
Bozeman Mont. 59771
city or town state ZIP

4065803763
email phone

I'm concerned that Global Warming will end
civilization on earth. And cause
over half of all species to
go extinct.

Please study the impact of burning (in Asia) another
100 million tons of coal per year.
Effects of coal dust on people
of Wash., Idaho and Montana!

Thank you Richard Newman
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Thank you Michael Stoerger
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My name is Michael Stoerger
first name last name

My address is PO Box 657
street

BOZEMAN MT 59971
city or town state ZIP

mike.stoerger@gmail 406 440 3655
email phone

I'm concerned that in addition to all the human impacts,
wildlife will suffer with increased collisions with
trains. This is a dirty 19th century resource.
Only 3rd world countries export raw fossil fuels!

Please study the impact of trains on wildlife corridors.
please consider fencing or creating bypass routes,
the cost of which should be born by the coal
companies, not MT taxpayers. Also, consider forcing
them to cover their open bed train cars.



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My name is Mary Dickson
first name last name

My address is 2013 Woodlawn Ave
street

Missoula, MT. 59804
city or town state ZIP

406-542-2694
email phone

I'm concerned that loosing our farmland &
polluting our air & water

Please study the impact of environmental degradation
that will last for a long time for a very
short term monetary gain that Montanans
will not even see.



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Lana Sangmeister
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My name is Gonnie Siebel
first name last name

My address is 609 N. Montana Ave
street

Bozeman MT 59715
city or town state ZIP

gonnie.siebel@gmail.com
email phone

I'm concerned that even exported coal will affect planetwide climate change, which is accelerating right now! Communities along the rail line will suffer impacts directly.

Please study the impact of coal mining, transportation and burning on all of the planet's life forms, benefiting a few corporations

My name is Lana Sangmeister
first name last name

My address is 35A Stanley Coulee Way
street

Nye MT 59061
city or town state ZIP

LSangmeister@nemont.net 206-398-4843
email phone

I'm concerned that family farms & ranches, which are self-sustaining & providing food and a healthy environment, are being sacrificed for an unhealthy environment and the depletion of a non-sustaining MT resource for big companies & a foreign country.

Please study the impact of shipping our limit resources to China/Asia. What happened to energy independence in America? Please study how our independence can be achieved with renewables

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My name is Bill Berg

first name

last name

My address is PO Box 275

street

Gardiner MT 59030

city or town

state

ZIP

email

phone

I'm concerned that _____

Please study the impact of _____

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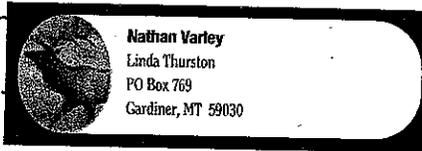
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My name is _____

last name

My address is _____



city or town

state

ZIP

email

phone

I'm concerned that noise and delays will be

chronic along the urban
stretches of railroad tracks.

Please study the impact of train traffic added

in small and medium towns.

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My name is ROBERT F. LINASTROM
first name last name

My address is 535 LAKEVIEW RD
street

WEST YELLOWSTONE MT 59758
city or town state ZIP

BLINASTROM@yellowstone.com 646 9272
email phone

I'm concerned that LOW COST COAL IS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF GLOBAL WARMING WHICH IS BAD FOR EVERYONE. LEAVE THE COAL WHERE IT IS UNTIL WE NEED IT HERE!

Please study the impact of EXPORTING ENERGY IN THE FORM OF DIRTY COAL IS BAD FOR AMERICA - LET CHINA DEVELOPE HER OWN CLEAN ENERGY!

THANKS.

My name is Marshall Swearingen
first name last name

My address is 307 W. Villard St.
street

Bozeman MT 59715
city or town state ZIP

marshall.swearingen@gmail.com 406.580.7030
email phone

I'm concerned that the TRR is moving Montana in the wrong direction. Coal & rail corporations will be the winners in this export scheme, while the public picks up the tab (in Bozeman: dealing with increased train traffic).

Please study the impact of all cumulative effects of the TRR - from the mines to the ports, plus impacts of the coal being burned. The hour of etr human-caused climate change is too late to see its causes in a fragmented, compartmentalized way.

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My name is Sheila A. Ashley
first name last name

My address is 58 Elmwood Dr.
street
Bozeman, MT 59718
city or town state ZIP

ayeshab55@gmail.com 406-624-6743
email phone

I'm concerned that The wishes of the people who live in Montana along the rail lines are being ignored. We LIVE with your decisions about this issue. Do the right thing

Please study the impact of coal dust, RR interference with local lands, train crossings + decreased ability of emergency vehicle to pass, increased health risks to US.

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My name is JEAN DAHLMAN
first name last name

My address is 3335 Old Highway 10 Road
street
Forsyth MT 59327
city or town state ZIP

lemire.dahlman@rangeweb.net 406-347-5599
email phone

I'm concerned that We are destroying a pristine river valley, its unique cultural community, for short-term gain & profit: unconscionable.

Please study the impact of continuing to exploit coal (sub-standard at best!) vis a vis pouring our energy into development & research into environmentally viable & sustainable forms of energy: wind, solar, & especially BIOMIMICRY.

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My name is Sally Orr
first name last name
My address is 2242 Rapelye Rd
street
Big Timber, MT 59011
city or town state ZIP
406-932-5838
email phone

I'm concerned that Export of Montana Coal to China will
derail our Northwestern Communities' lifestyles
irreparably damage the Long Term Value of
the private Family Land affected.

Please study the impact of development of this railroad
on local Social + Economic Values,
Wildlife + Tourism,

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My name is Sarah Juster
first name last name
My address is 127 Griffith Rd
street
Ravenslip MT 59072
city or town state ZIP
Sarah.Juster@gmail.com 734-649-6536
email phone

I'm concerned that The construction of the Tongue River Railroad
would both have a negative environmental impact
on the Tongue River Valley and support producing coal
for the Asian economy.

Please study the impact of the railroad and the coal industry
on the Tongue River Valley and the impact
on the community in that valley in terms of quality
of environment and community resiliency.

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My name is Joseph Spilner

first name

last name

My address is 937 N. 24th St.

street

Billings MT 59101

city or town

state

ZIP

willworkforpeace@gmail.com 644-4411

email

phone

I'm concerned that we are having to

foot the bill for this
increase coal train traffic
exporting our coal to CHINA!

Please study the impact of _____

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My name is John R. Gibson

first name

last name

My address is 3028 Ave E.

street

Billings MT 59102

city or town

state

ZIP

gibsonjohn43@gmail.com 656-0384

email

phone

I'm concerned that by the time the railroad

up the Tongue is completed coal
could be a worthless resource
due to natural gas and wind energy
increase.

Please study the impact of wildlife habitat

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My name is Eric VANDERBEEK
first name last name
My address is PO Box 811
Lewistown MT 59457
street city or town state ZIP
evanderbeek@yahoo.com 4063664165
email phone

I'm concerned that coal exports will affect
farming and ranching in Montana
and degrade water & air quality
with increased mining for the benefit
of China and not the
USA

Please study the impact of Coal exports and impacts
to water and air quality
and impacts to local communities

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My name is Sarah Sweeney
first name last name
My address is P.O. Box 198
Ballantine MT 59006
street city or town state ZIP
sasweeney60@gmail.com 406-671-2921
email phone

I'm concerned that The rail road will cause unde
impact on the ranchers and small
farms along the route.

Please study the impact of noise, air, and transportation
problems of the area.

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Caleb Llande
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My name is CALEB LANDE
first name last name
My address is 1723 Riverstone St
street
Billings MT 59106
city or town state ZIP
caleblande@gmail.com 406-672-2187
email phone

I'm concerned that The railroad will ~~be~~ ruin productive agricultural land to export coal to China. The mining it will facilitate will also do irreparable damage to Montana.

Please study the impact of the railroad on historic and cultural resources, impact to climate change, and agricultural productivity.

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My name is ANNA LUCAS
first name last name
My address is 2910 7th Ave. N
street
Billings MT 59101
city or town state ZIP
anna.m.lucas@gmail.com
email phone

I'm concerned that ~~the railroad~~ constructing the Tongue River Railroad would negatively affect my community.

Please study the impact of environmental impacts in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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My name is Susan M. Elliott
first name last name
My address is P.O. Box 1042
street
Red Lodge MT 59068
city or town state ZIP
elli@vizi.com 406-425-0562
email phone

I'm concerned that our state is still being considered a "national sacrifice area." Now it's not for the nation but for profits for the coal companies.

Please study the impact of mining and burning this coal on climate change - as well as particulates from the coal on the health of communities on the route.

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My name is Deborah Muth
first name last name
My address is 39 Lightning Lane
street
Red Lodge MT 59068
city or town state ZIP
Summermuth@aol.com 406-425-2020
email phone

I'm concerned that the BLM swap is a crime for opening the Otter Creek to coal mining and everything connected to it.

Please study the impact of a railroad crossing a pristine prairie and the impacts of coal on our environment in a toxic way. No! to the Tongue RR

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My name is ED GULICK
first name last name

My address is 3015 10th AVE. NORTH
street
BILLINGS, MT 59101
city or town state ZIP
edgulick47@alum.pomona.edu (406) 201-3493
email phone

I'm concerned that I WON'T BE ABLE GET TO WORK, WHICH IS ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS FROM WHERE I WORK IN DOWNTOWN. WILL THE TAXPAYERS OF

BILLINGS HAVE TO PAY FOR HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SO COAL COMPANIES CAN PROFIT AT OUR EXPENSE?

Please study the impact of INCREASED RAIL TRAFFIC FOR COAL EXPORT TO ASIA ON COMMUNITIES ALONG THE ROUTE. WHO PAYS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

My name is JOHN SMILLIE
first name last name

My address is 4011 JUNE DRIVE
street
BILLINGS MT 59106
city or town state ZIP
j.smillie@hresnan.net 406.652.6625
email phone

I'm concerned that A PRIVATE CORPORATION WANTS TO BUILD A RAILROAD TO EXPORT COAL TO CHINA TO PROVIDE MANUFACTURERS THERE WITH CHEAP ENERGY, CAUSING GLOBAL CLIMATE DISRUPTIONS WITH THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN

Please study the impact of THE IMPACT OF INCREASED COAL TRAFFIC FROM SE MT TO THE COAST, THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO MITIGATE THAT, AND WHO WILL PAY FOR IT. AS WELL AS THE IMPACTS OF THE RR ON FARMERS AND RANCHERS AND THE GLOBAL CLIMATE.

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My name is Bill Milton

first name

last name

My address is Po Box 629

street

Pound mt 59072

city or town

state

ZIP

bill.milton@trrail.com 406.325.1771

email

phone

I'm concerned that current viable

ranch businesses will be
unfairly compromised by the
impacts of a TR Railroad Construct

Please study the impact of Cost-benefit to

both the state and local
communities

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My name is Jerry Iverson

first name

last name

My address is 1270 Lower Sweet Grass Rd

street

Big Timber MT 59001

city or town

state

ZIP

406.932.5840

email

phone

I'm concerned that create conflict between equally

valuable industries - agriculture, mining, real
estate, hunting/fishing. Coal dust contamin-
ation of rail route. Traffic obstruction on
whole route.

Please study the impact of economic impacts on agriculture

and real estate. Traffic impacts on
towns and cities.

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My name is Thomas H Crawford
first name last name
My address is 1300 Dry Creek Sch Rd
street
Belgrade Montana 59714
city or town state ZIP
406 3884211
email phone

I'm concerned that increased Coal Train traffic will have an increasingly negative impact on the quality of life and a concomitant negative environmental impact.

Please study the impact of any increase in Coal rail-road traffic across Montana.

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first name last name
My address is 2139 Gregory Dr. S
street
Billings MT 59102
city or town state ZIP
r.towe@bresnan.net
email phone

I'm concerned that good agricultural land is being sacrificed for coal company profits. Ultimately, the agricultural land is more important to Montana's future - The coal will soon be gone. Don't let Montana's agricultural industry disappear

Please study the impact of the coal development as well, on our important, number one industry - agriculture.

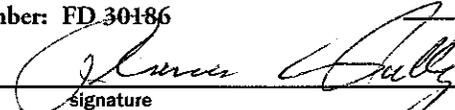
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My name is Tom Tully
first name last name
My address is 2210 Pryor Ln
street
Billings MT 59102
city or town state ZIP
archful@brennan.net
email phone

I'm concerned ~~that~~ about the impact of a modern, busy railroad + all accompanying activity on the Tongue River valley & the ranches & farms along it.

Please study the impact of this proposed development on the local agricultural producers + productivity.

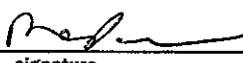
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My name is RICHARD PARKS
first name last name
My address is PO BOX 196 (202 2nd St. S.)
street
GARDINER MT 59030
city or town state ZIP
richard@parksflyshop.com 406-848-7314
email phone

I'm concerned that The proposed railroad bisects good to land, disrupting both riparian habitat and sustainable economic value for the sake of a temporary and destructive extractive industry.

Please study the impact of study the relative value of the sheep and then add in the CO2 contribution and its costs.

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My name is Kellie Israel
first name last name
My address is 208 Park St.
street
Goliet MT 59041
city or town state ZIP
kellieisrael.com 406-962-3530
email phone

I'm concerned that I am opposed to the construction of TRR in MT. There is no reason to support China! Save our environment!

Please study the impact of Tongue River Railroad on ranchers the state of Montana.

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My name is Theresa Keaveney
first name last name
My address is 2005 Clark Avenue
street
Billings, MT 59002
city or town state ZIP
theaveny@ntvoters.org 406/962-1557
email phone

I'm concerned that the Tongue River Railroad is ultimately subsidized on the backs of ranchers, farmers and the community. It doesn't benefit Montana - it benefits the coal company.

Please study the impact of this railroad on farmers and ranchers, fish and wild life, cultural resources and the increasing global climate change crisis.

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My name is DEBORAH L. HANSON
first name last name

My address is 1002 PLEASANT ST.
street
MILES CITY MT 59301
city or town state ZIP
hans_deb@hotmail.com 406/232-2134
email phone

I'm concerned that the Tongue River RR will facilitate the industrialization of a fertile agriculture valley for the development of one industry only - coal.

Please study the impact of this RR on our fish hatchery which spawns endangered species "pallid sturgeon, effect on water quality of Tongue R, fire danger, and contributions to Global warming.

My name is TERRY HANSON
first name last name

My address is 1002 Pleasant St.
street
Miles City MT 59301
city or town state ZIP
terpetlow@mcw.net 406-232-3074
email phone

I'm concerned that T.R.R. will severely impact ranchers/farmers of the Tongue River valley

Please study the impact of J

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My name is Danielle Nicholas

first name

last name

My address is 409 S 5th Ave

street

Bozeman MT 59715

city or town

state

ZIP

pranicflow@hotmail.com 406-674-6289

email

phone

I'm concerned that our natural resources are being

abused & our quality of life degraded for
export of coal to China which will then be
burned & further reduce our air quality.

Please study the impact of the coal dust from the cars on

health of humans & the ecosystem. Also study
the loss of economic opportunities as a result
of increased train traffic.

My name is Elizabeth Scanlin

first name

last name

My address is PO Box 65

street

Red Lodge MT 59068

city or town

state

ZIP

email

phone

I'm concerned that this is such an archaic

form of energy production, & unnecessary
in light of modern technology &
alternative resources available
without the negative impacts.

Please study the impact of

- global effect of this proposal
- economic effect on existing industries
culture & land

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My name is Cecily Schroepfer
first name last name

My address is 1134 N 22 ST #9
street
Billings MT 59101
city or town state ZIP
cecilyosfaint.net (406) 359-1939
email phone

I'm concerned that our health and the health of our children and grandchildren will be adversely impacted

Please study the impact of this Railroad and the coal pollution of air related to the mines of the No. Cheyenne Nation.

My name is Betty Whiting
first name last name

My address is 925 Burlington Avenue
street
Billings MT 59101
city or town state ZIP
bettywhiting@bresnan.net 406-252-5647
email phone

I'm concerned that we support fossil fuel production to the detriment of our well-being on this planet. Let's stop supporting coal, oil, gas, and instead support clean energy sources. Look at climate chaos!

Please study the impact of future + current health hazards of coal dust in the air and water, not only in the Tongue River but all of the communities along the railroads carrying the increased coal production to coastal areas for use by other countries.

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Linda Thurston
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Charles Sangmeister
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My name is Linda Thurston
first name last name
My address is PO Box 769 (404 Water St)
street
Gardiner MT 59030
city or town state ZIP
lindenthurston@yahoo.com
email phone

I'm concerned that _____

Please study the impact of _____

My name is CHARLES SANGMEISTER
first name last name
My address is 35 A STANLEY COULEE WAY
street
NYE (STILLWATER COUNTY) MT 59061-8052
city or town state ZIP
406.328.4843
email phone

I'm concerned that those who live in the Tongue River Valley, because it is sparsely populated & agricultural, are not fully represented by their local elected officials.

In my opinion, these legislators are influenced by the coal industry and are beholden to them.

Please study the impact of Tongue River Railroad to be used for the export of coal to those same countries where our jobs & other industries have been exported. We need a fact based evaluation of the potential impacts of the building of the railroad and the resulting transportation impacts. Thank you Charles.

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My name is Shirley first name Smith last name
My address is 362B Chase Way street
Bozeman city or town MT state 59718 ZIP
glennandshirley2004@yahoo.com email 585-3728 phone

I'm concerned that All of the coal burned in China or in Asia will result (because of the flow of air coming to us) in more toxic air, more toxic metals in our water, more respiratory illness.

Please study the impact of Montana's health, toxic fumes, coal dust, increased noise. Why should we who live in this beautiful state be subject to the soil, air quality and water degradation when we all should be guaranteed safety measures to ourselves and future generations.



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My name is Glenn B first name Smith last name
My address is 362B Chase Way street
Bozeman city or town Montana state 59718 ZIP
GlennandShirley2004@yahoo.com email 585-3728 phone

I'm concerned that daily 30 coal trains one mile long will cause substantial short and long term quality of life and health effects, and economic losses

Please study the impact of increased traffic, coal dust increases daily, decreased property values, and the need for coal export not to mention

The wisdom when coal is not needed. Now with the natural gas supply taking its place.



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My name is Ellen Pfister
first name last name
My address is 6360 Sando Road - PO Box 330
street
Shepherd MT 59079
city or town state ZIP
email phone
406-947-5931

I'm concerned that this project will ruin the hay meadows that enable the existence of stable cattle ranching units along the Tongue River.

Please study the impact of rail construction on the functioning of alluvial valley (out-irrigated areas) and sedimentation from construction of rail + county road intersection with rail routing + construction

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My name is Martha Adkins
first name last name
My address is 1076 Hwy. 89 South
street
Gardiner Montana 59030
city or town state ZIP
email phone

I'm concerned that we're putting more emphasis on a coal-hauling railroad than a southern route people-hauling railroad.

Please study the impact of coal hauling.

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My name is Heidi Wolenetz
first name last name

My address is 820 Miles Ave
street
Billings MT 59101
city or town state ZIP
heidiw@comcast.net (406) 671-7170
email phone

I'm concerned that increased train traffic and coal dust
in Billings will continue to pollute
the air. As a mother, this issue is very
important to me.

Please study the impact of air quality in this
Environmental Impact Statement

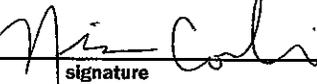
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My name is NINA CORBELLI
first name last name

My address is 918 S. 6th W.
street
Missoula MT 59801
city or town state ZIP
ncorbell@gmail.com n/a
email phone

I'm concerned that my quality of life is going to
be affected daily. I live near / cross
the tracks everyday & there is already
A TON of traffic hold ups. Also, the

Please study the impact of coal mining in our area air pollution!
Helena, Missoula, Great Falls,
Bozeman, Billings all need
to be considered! We don't
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My name is Dawn McGee
first name last name
My address is 4475 Quail Aspen Ct
street
Missoula MT 59802
city or town state ZIP
dkmwomene@yahoo.com
email phone

I'm concerned that You have failed to consider the devastatly environmental and safety impacts of the Tongue River Railroad.

Please study the impact of the interconnectivity of the entire project ~~itself~~ including all affected communities.

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My name is Harrison Stein
first name last name
My address is 3000 S. Higgins Ave
street
Missoula MT 59801
city or town state ZIP
hanksteinha@aol.com 209-277-3281
email phone

I'm concerned that the railroad ~~road~~ will be highly detrimental for the Missoula ~~community~~ community and I am extremely opposed to the coal trains coming through.

Please study the impact of coal dust on human health but also on water quality

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first name last name

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street

Victor MT 59875
city or town state ZIP

406howard@gmail.com 406370 2462
email phone

I'm concerned that We will lose an irreplaceable resource for a very finite amount of money

Please study the impact of The Tongue River Railroad on the environment, social/cultural sites and economy beyond 1 generation-

My name is Elizabeth Costello
first name last name

My address is 636 Phillips St.
street

Missoula MT 59802
city or town state ZIP

costello.lize@gmail.com
email phone

I'm concerned that I ride my bike over the Missoula Bike bridge each day + already am passing over coal train after coal train, wondering how I will bike and hold my breath.

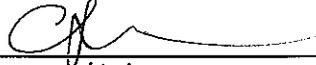
Please study the impact of Open top coal trains on human environmental, + wildlife health.

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 My address is 113 Miller Hall 345 street
Missoula city or town MT state 59801 ZIP
CaelanSimone@gmail.com email 406-580-0649 phone

I'm concerned that the negative externalities caused from the coaltrains will far outway the economic benefits. In addition herein Montana we have the right to clean air and water and this is an infringement on my right.
 Please study the impact of negative externalities from the extracti use, and transport of coal, and, now this compares to its economic benefits

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 My address is 836 S. 16th St. W #6 street
Missoula city or town MT state 59801 ZIP
 _____ email 406-370-4000 phone

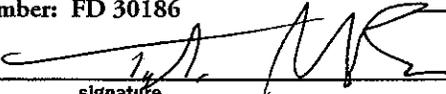
I'm concerned that this new project is undermining all input given by the citizens all along the train route. This project is only damaging - to the health & integrity of our land and our people.
 Please study the impact of Coal dust & desil pollution on water and air quality (not to mention the impact of CO2 emissions GLOBALLY, and the impact of the extraction its self.)

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My name is Tyler first name McRae last name
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Missoula city or town MT state 59802 ZIP
tyler.mcroe@montana.edu email 406 261 0209 phone

I'm concerned that increasing the irresponsible excavation of coal in my home state for short-term economic gain will only succeed in degrading the long term viability of livelihoods and resources.

Please study the impact of not only extracting and transporting coal on this rail line, but the social and human health (and economic) effects of increased coal train traffic

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My name is Pari first name Kemmick last name
My address is 524 Edith St street
Missoula city or town MT state 59801 ZIP
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I'm concerned that generations of hard working Montanans will literally be stripped of their land and livelihoods. Has anyone even thought of the native peoples land that will be affected?

That we will ruin again and repeat history?
Please study the impact of the health & environmental impacts of building new tracks on the beautiful, historical lands of the Tongue River.

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first name last name
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Missoula MT 59802
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mcmillan@montana.com 406-728-5882
email phone

I'm concerned that development of the Tongue River Railroad will destroy water & land irreparably. Increased train traffic will cause extreme risk to health, safety & security along the tracks, especially
Please study the impact of →

in the numerous small towns bisected by coal train traffic on people living along the tracks



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first name last name
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city or town state ZIP
nick.littman@gmail.com (415) 847-5402
email phone

I'm concerned that a very unique legacy of agriculture will be irreparably damaged in the Tongue River Valley for short term profits of an out of state corporation. The livelihood of Montana families should not be compromised just to produce a short term energy resource

Please study the impact of the economic short and long term impacts of farming and ranching families throughout the Tongue River Valley. The long term impacts of allowing this coal to be burned on the climate of MT.
that, once burned will affect everyone



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I'm concerned that prime recreational and agricultural land, including ground water will be destroyed by the Tongue River coal project, including the railroad

Please study the impact of pollution and land destruction on agricultural output + recreation resulting from this action.

No ONE BENEFITS except the coal company - Stop this foolishness!



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My name is Janice Hoem
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haroldandjan@gmail.com
email phone

I'm concerned that a beautiful region of Montana will be trashed and deserted when the resources are removed. Why? So we can ship coal to China for short-term gains + long-term loss.

Please study the impact of coal extraction on the water quality in the Tongue River area



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email phone

I'm concerned that Missoula will be impacted environmentally with the increase of more trains. Air quality, water quality, economic challenges (export Taxes!)

Please study the impact of Carbon emissions, habitat, H2O quality (fresh H2O & Ocean H2O -ports) Respiratory health issues. Effects of increased noise levels (trains) Economic impact (taxes)

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city or town street state ZIP
marylaporte53@gmail.com 406 549.2284
email phone

I'm concerned that the Tongue River Railroad will permanently damage a beautiful, productive area that is heritage to Montana

Please study the impact of loss of farmland, costs related to decreased tourism, property devaluation