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The purpose of this email is to express my concern with the routes chosen for the new rail lines in Moses Lake (Northern Columbia Basin RailRoad). The department's web site with the details on this project say that safety is one of the most important considerations. I believe the routes chosen do not meet this requirement. The projected routes, as I understand them, will cause the line to cross more roads, including 4-lane roads, and exist closer to homes and schools, than would a route further east and north. It could still reach the Port of Moses Lake without crossing Wheeler Road, Road 4, Broadway Extended, Stratford Road (near Longview elementary school) at points so close to more dense population areas and higher vehicle use.

It appears the least cost was the primary consideration, not the most safe.

I encourage a review of this proposed route in light of the safety and traffic interruptions concerns with the proposed route.

Gary Mason
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