

Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, D.C. 20423

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RE: FD # 34284

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My husband and I were at the STB meeting on Dec. 2nd. and I spoke out on a couple of my concerns with my allowed 3 min. There wasn't time enough to address all of them.

My husband wasn't able to talk due to a chronic cough and raspy voice

Somehow, the study DEIS has neglected or did not receive very important information.

Many things have either been deliberately ignored or casually discounted.

These items are

critical and significant to the people that live in line of the proposed rail line and the Quihi community at large.

Please consider these problem areas. Our Edwards Aquifer recharge , very fragile,

{we've been told for years} will be right under the area designated for storage of materials

needed to operate the quarry. Any spill, flood, {by the rains and flashfloods that occur with

regularity} accumulated dust from blasting/blasting powder, diesel fuel, will directly recharge

right into our ONLY SOURCE of water.

We have lived in this area for 76 years and beleive me, it does flood.

Any berms or filling along

railroad beds will create major problems for the residents both below and above the rail lines.

This is a very old historical community and a railroad right through the center of it will ruin fragile

old buildings as well as destroy artifacts. There are many families

here because we love the

peace and quiet tranquility of this old settlement. The spokesman for Vulcan spoke of the financial

benefits of having a quarry here and it was proven that the county

really wouldn't benefit at all from it.
{I think he was thinking of Vulcan and their financial benefits.}

Lets look at this, HMMMMMM, threaten our only source of water,...
create more flooding problems
for humans and livestock than already exists,... take private property
{by imminent domain} from
families that have lived there for generations,... create a hazard by
adding many trucks on a FM road
that was not designed for them {even with a RRline}... endanger
evironmentally sensitive wetlands,...
destroy Indian artifacts,... to create a rail line that serves only to
enrich a fortune 500 company with a
commodity that is easily obtained west of here.
I hope you will respect the community of Quihi and study the truth of
the situation. We are a
community being sacrificed for profit and need your help.

Sincerely,

/S/
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