



**Docket No. FD 30186**

**Angela Dansie** to: BlodgettK

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**Please respond to Angela Dansie** <montanadansieclan@gmail.com>

Jan 10, 2013

Ken Blodgett

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Attention of: Mr. Ken Blodgett

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Sincerely,

Angela Dansie  
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**stephen arno** to: BlodgettK

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Ken Blodgett

Dear Blodgett,

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I am very concerned about the environmental impact consequences of the Tongue River Railroad and massive coal strip-mines that are proposed. Not only the impacts in the Tongue valley, but also along the route of the coal trains to west coast ports. Are we going to sell our healthy environment on the cheap for the benefit of China?

Sincerely,  
Stephen F. Arno,  
5755 Lupine Lane  
Florence, MT 59833

Sincerely,

stephen arno  
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Florence, MT 59833-6503  
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**Frances Wade** to: BlodgettK

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On principal I oppose eminent domain as a violation of Property Rights guaranteed by the 5th Amendment. No "just compensation" exists if a person does not want to sell his property. To grant such a ruling to a fossil fuel company whose only interest is the Bottom Line without regard for the people harmed in their rush to PROFITS, is obscene. Stop this atrocity NOW>

Sincerely,

Frances Wade  
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Bigfork, MT 59911-0059  
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**Roberta Mccanse** to: BlodgettK

01/09/2013 08:24 PM

Sent by: **Greenpeace** <info@wdc.greenpeace.org>

From: Roberta Mccanse <robertamcc8@gmail.com>

To: BlodgettK@stb.dot.gov

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**Please respond to Roberta Mccanse** <robertamcc8@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

Roberta Mccanse  
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Libby, MT 59923-9729  
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**Nancy Cochran** to: BlodgettK

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**Please respond to Nancy Cochran <nqmontana@gmail.com>**

Jan 9, 2013

Ken Blodgett

Dear Blodgett,

Attention of Mr. Ken Blodgett:

I would like to add my voice and signature to the effort to turn about the proposed building of the Tongue River railroad, and for the following reasons. I hope you and the board will consider them carefully. Thank you for reading this.

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Nancy Cochran  
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Missoula, MT 59801-7025  
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**Patricia Simmons** to: BlodgettK

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Dear Blodgett,

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The Tongue Railroad does not meet requirements to be for public convenience and necessity. It is entirely for Arch Coal Company to sell their coal to China.

This proposed railroad ruins the largest industry in Montana - Agriculture, in Eastern Montana. This is a private property takings!

The railroad would ruin wildlife habitat - a major recreational activity in Montana.

The noise from the trains and the coal dust are terrible for all of the people who live in the area. In addition, approving this railroad, would impact many other towns in Montana as the number of coal trains will expand in Livingston, Bozeman, Helena, etc. They block emergency vehicles and other people needing to get to their work.

The impacts on human health from mercury at coal plants and global warming is outrageous,

Stop this insanity, stop favoring private businesses at the expense of the people of Montana and the Earth!

Sincerely,

Patricia Simmons  
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585-0101



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**Janine Baker** to: BlodgettK

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To: BlodgettK@stb.dot.gov  
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**Please respond to Janine Baker <janineabaker@gmail.com>**

Jan 9, 2013

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Dear Blodgett,

Attention of: Mr. Ken Blodgett

I am writing to ask that you reject the proposed railroad line through the Tongue River Valley. This line will destroy good Montana ranchland and help promote global warming through the additional coal burned in Asia. As a Montana resident, I strongly oppose this railroad line.

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Sincerely,

Janine Baker  
2901 Annie St  
Bozeman, MT 59718-2745  
(406) 600-2350



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**Matt Arno** to: BlodgettK

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If this coal is worth mining we should be mining it and burning it in the US to get the full economic benefits. The prices for the coal in Asia are way too low to justify the cost to US and Montana citizens.

Sincerely,

Matt Arno  
PO Box 956  
Bonner, MT 59823

Sincerely,

Matt Arno  
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Bonner, MT 59823-0956  
(406) 244-6265



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**Linda Corbin** to: BlodgettK

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Sincerely,

Linda Corbin  
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Laurel, MT 59044-8809  
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**Fw: Docket No. FD 30186**  
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