

With much consideration to the jobs that can be created by the terminals, there seems to be much more damage caused by this proposal than good. Coal is in a decline as it is seen at one of the dirtiest fossil fuels. Not mentioned in the EIS, is the impact this would have in the larger scheme of things. Perhaps we wouldn't see much of an impact when you only take a look at Longview, but when you ship the coal off the West Coast to be burnt in another country so that they can deal with the mess is completely irresponsible and immoral. Shipping up to 100 million metric tons of coal a year across the seas, not only releases toxins in the air through rail lines, but also the impact on the water, and the climate crisis across the world. Not only are we looking at the damage costs by the operations themselves, but also to build these terminals, we would have to destroy wetlands, which ruin ecosystems. Ecosystems have keystone elements to larger sets of life, without those keystone elements, we lose a diversity of larger life. Remaining wetlands would still have the risk of contamination as well as possible harm to our ground water, and spills in the ocean. Can mitigation control all the possible risks of contamination? How will we know until it is too late? How far into the ocean are we willing to observe and mitigate? It is unfair to make low-income populations even more unbearable to live in. We are trying to build up these communities, not create a lower state of living. With the transportation of coal through these areas, it is inevitable that noise and pollutants will create a downgrade to these areas. Many are complaining and see the coal dust. Millennium is only concerned with the immediate effects of these terminals. The jobs created are going towards harmful effects. It is obvious that coal use is going out of style. It is cheap and dirty and we should be looking at alternative energy for future jobs instead. Jobs come and go, people know this and must accept that commodities go into decline when they are no longer useful to our society. Coal is no longer useful knowing the toxins they release. Why would we go backwards? We already have clean energy that can be used in greater amounts, creating new jobs. There are your new jobs in clean energy; people accommodate and they will find work. This small amount of jobs that would be created will not make much of an impact on the economy. In fact, the mess that must be considered due to operations of the coal export would produce unaffordable expenses, as well as irreversible consequences on all types of life. Choose responsibly by looking ahead.