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Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview NEPA EIS

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Re: Draft EIS

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to record my opposition to the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals and the subsequent negative impacts to be experienced by all living things in the way of the project; also known as collateral damage.

It is disheartening and shocking that in 2016 there is still a need to defend the most basic rights to a healthy environment; including water; air; health; and for what? An industry which has disregarded basic decency in the way they treat their miners; and the earth; and therefore any living thing to achieve their goal; to convince the public that "this time" will be different from all other disasters their industry has precipitated. They are so immune to common decency they would rather spend millions of dollars defending open coal cars (and adding more) than cover the ones they have in operation. In addition we are paying the price in so many ways; including the ruining of public lands: so they can export the misery to other countries.

Would they be so callous if their families were the ones dealing with the destructive results of an industry contributing to increased rates of heart disease and asthma; or have their children and grandchildren exposed to diesel fumes and mercury. We also know; unless we are naive; promises about mitigation for lost habitat and the wildlife are fables; either they never happen or are so pathetic what's the point? Who monitors this? Who monitors the coal dumped in the river & on the tracks; which I have seen first hand and was actually surprised by the audacity of BNSF (yes, guess I am still a bit naive). Studies by BNSF estimate up to 500 pounds of coal can be lost from each rail car en route; but not only are they still okay with not covering their cars they want to increase the traffic.

I adamantly oppose expansion of the coal industry; the terminals & increased transportation. Instead of my tax dollars supporting the coal industry I want them to help the workers transition into clean energy livelihoods; they deserve it; they are not the ones getting fat on the misery of millions here and globally.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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