November 26, 2016
Millennium Bulk Terminal NEPA EIS

To whom it may concern:

I urge you to select the NO ACTION alternative on the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal for the following reasons

1. The construction of MBT and shipping of coal overseas to Asia to be burned ignores your own Defense Department's warnings about climate change and a destabilized world, including concerns about climate refugees.

2. Heavy coal trains cause wear and tear on tracks necessitating "shaving" of tracks. This type of repair is curtailed during high fire danger periods in our lengthening fire seasons due to global warming.

Numerous derailments have occurred over the years, including one a couple

of years ago within a mile of the towering Fish Creek Trestle in Western Montana which sent three Jetliner fuselages into the Clark Fork of the Columbia River. That could just as easily been a coal train.

The lower rail route through Montana includes Missoula and other large communities. That track also serves trains carrying volatile Bakken crude oil. A recent report by the Montana Public Service Commission states that the lower route through Missoula is at high risk. However, upgrading plans focus on the northern route through land near Glacier Park.

3. Downstream from MBT on the lower Columbia River shipping and water quality is also at risk. The recent grounding of a cargo ship proves this. Grounding of this sort imperils all cargo shipping and fishing activity in the area. The dangerous Columbia River Bar is historically known

as "The graveyard of the Pacific." This locale is famous for foggy weather, rainy weather, stormy weather and dangerous tides. I myself have experienced many hazardous crossings of this bar as a commercial fisherman.

4. A recent settlement in Washington state requires study of coal lost from trains enroute which could cause potential water quality problems, health problems, and safety issues through ballast fouling. Please note that Montana is subject to the same concerns and dangers.

5. Finally, MBT is a risky venture and is, in my opinion, morally indefensible.

Sincerely,

Harold J. Hoem

Harold J. Hoem
16 Greenbrier Lane
Missoula, MT. 59802

HOEM
16 GREEN
MISSOULA, MT 59802

NOV 26 2016
USPS

Millennium Bulk Terminals - NEPA
c/o ICF International
710 Second Avenue, Suite 550
Seattle, WA 98104

Contains two separate comments