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Dear Sirs:

This is in response to public comments involving the shipment of coal to a port in Cowlitz County for foreign export.

I could go on at length about the lack of any positive value for Spokane and the many negatives such as physical pollution of coal dust, diesel fumes, and noise that would probably cause a hollowing out of the city center combined with prolonged wait times at railroad crossings. This extreme rail traffic such as this will definitely result in many serious accidents especially when combined with heavy traffic of the very volatile fracking oil.

But the main problem is that this coal (and oil) is a resource that will certainly be needed by future generations in this country. While the total quantity of coal in this country is quite huge, the economically recoverable coal reserves aren't all that great. However, this generation acts as if all resources are the property of us alone and we can simply treat the earth as though it were a business in liquidation without any moral scruples whatsoever involving any responsibilities toward future generations. It would be completely proper for those generations of Americans to curse the ground upon which we are buried for our extreme greed and plundering that would cause undue and severe suffering for them.

In summary, the environmental impact of this coal exporting project will cause far greater damage to future generations than it will for us.

Sincerely,
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