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To Whom it May Concern,

Let me begin by stating that I unequivocally oppose your coal terminal.

The deterioration of the Columbia River Gorge's natural environment from additional coal trains will not affect or bother you.

The cacophony of noise emanating from additional engine blasts and squeaking breaks will not affect or bother you.

The shards of coal and related particulates that will be ejected from the tops of coal cars onto the tracks and into the river will not affect or bother you.

The noxious odors and fumes that accompany every additional diesel engine will not affect or bother you.

The pollutants spewed from the scores of these same engines that will negatively impact the Gorge's visibility will not affect or bother you.

The sensitive flora, fauna, and wetlands that will be irrevocably harmed from additional coal train contaminants will not affect or bother you.

The degradation of the river and its tributaries brought on by these same contaminants will not affect or bother you.

The unsightly appearance of additional mile long coal cars and engines coursing along the river and through the Gorge will not affect or bother you.

None of these offending blights will affect or bother you but they certainly and most assuredly will affect and bother us.

The 'us' I'm referring to are the countless NIMBYs who consider the Columbia River Gorge our backyard - a backyard that each of us holds dear and wants to see protected for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Should your ambitious terminal be approved, countless coal trains - up to 18 round trips per day - will snake their way through the Gorge threatening the well being of this National Scenic Area. Each and everyone will wreak havoc on the beauty, health, and tranquility that makes the Columbia River Gorge the unique treasure it is today. Easy access to an undesirable terminal and pocket padding for special interests are flagrantly lame excuses for attempting to push such an ill conceived and unmerited project upon us. If approved, your terminal would severely damage one of the Pacific Northwest's - if not the nation's - most scenic areas.

That four-letter catch word "jobs", that pro-development entities continually use to rile and incite the misinformed, can never justify the willful degradation of the Columbia River Gorge especially when jobs will be so few while negative consequences be so profound. Incessant train loads of the dirty fuel source, destined solely for foreign markets, should, under no circumstance, be allowed to chain their way through the Gorge to your or any other coal terminal.

It is estimated by BNSF that when being transferred between where the ore is mined to your proposed terminal, each car load will loose between 500-2,000 pounds of coal waste - or approximately 1 pound of ejected debris per mile. Seeing as that there are 120 cars per train, approx 10,200 pounds of coal would travel 85 miles through the Gorge on any given day which in turn would flagrantly foul the air and surrounding environment, not to mention mar its unique beauty. It is understood that your 'Millennium coal terminal would bring an estimated 44 million tons of coal through the Columbia

River Gorge National Scenic area and Vancouver, WA, every year.' This hellacious amount could, and would, result in the serious deterioration of the Gorge's esthetic viability.

Your proposed coal terminal is an ill begotten folly of monumental proportions which has no business being foisted upon us. The Millennium Bulk Coal Terminal is the wrong project for the wrong place. Keep it out of our back yards!

Sincerely,

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