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I strongly oppose the Millennium Bulk Terminal for coal export. When I retired and moved to Oregon almost five years ago to be with my daughter, I knew of the proposals to export coal from the Pacific NW. I was angry and saddened by this prospect. I had visited my daughter first in Washington and then Oregon many times and knew of the beauty of this region and its reputation for clean energy and forward-thinking environmental policy. The prospect of coal export clashes harshly with the regional commitment to leadership in addressing climate change. DEIS states:

“The net annual emissions from the Proposed Action under the preferred 2015 Energy Policy scenario in 2028 would be 3.2 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e (Table 5.8-8). This is equivalent to adding about 672,100 passenger cars on the road each year (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2015b)” (Ch5.8 p19)

This is unacceptable. We know that climate change is already increasing harmful effects from extreme and prolonged heat waves and disturbed precipitation patterns resulting in drought and wildfires on one hand and floods and landslides on the other hand. It makes no sense to keep on building infrastructure that contributes to such destruction.

There is nothing clean about coal. Coal mining destroys vast landscapes and ecosystems and poisons water. Coal dust spills off open rail cars. Burning coal fouls the air and emissions cause asthma and other respiratory diseases.

There are far better, more healthy and constructive ways to create jobs and develop the economy There is no good reason for the Millennium Bulk Terminal to be built

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