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TO: The Daily News
c/o Letters to the Editor

SUBJECT: Coal Export Terminal / Longview, Wash.

Dear Sir,

I am 100% in favor of the Millennium Coal Export Terminal proposed for Longview. Present Fed-State regulations are more than adequate to address the operation of such.

I am familiar with the area around the Decker, Mont. Coal Mine. The Tongue River Reservoir Park is just below the Decker Coal Mine area, and is a popular fishing, swimming and boating place. The Decker Coal Mine has had "NO" adverse effect on any of the Park's recreation activity.

The BNSF Coal trains headed to the West Coast pass through the Crow Indian Reservation along their river, creeks and homes. To my knowlege, the Crow Indian Tribe has never had any major complains about their being any adverse effects from the Coal trains. There is no other Indian Tribe that has had a closer, or longer experience with the effect of Coal trains. I am sure the Crow Indians put as high value on the "pristine" nature of their land, as anyone.

By the time the Millennium Export Terminal is operational, China will have clean air burning power plants. Common sense tells you that, and China really has no other choice.* China has the resources, scientists and engineers to do this, once the Government makes it a high priority.

The Chinese engineering accomplishments on Highways, Trains and Dams has been "fast" and "impressive". This new technology will also greatly benefit the Coal burning plants in the U.S.A.

The sale of Coal to China will benefit "MANY" American landowner ranchers, workers and Companys. Open pit mining, as done in Wyo and Mont is not hazardous to the health of the workers, or the land.

American and China are so interwoven now, that whatever benefits one, benefits the other one too.

Sincerely,

Tom Horsley

