

Addressed to all agencies

Package Submittal for the Record:

**Scoping Period Open House conducted in Longview on September 17, 2013, regarding the Environmental Review for Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview (MBTL) proposal**

**Coal Dust Plume Arising off of Burlington Northern Train Traveling West along the North Shore of the Columbia River**

This series of photographs was taken from the shore of Horsethief Lake in the Horsethief Lake Area of Columbia Hills State Park in Washington State, on the afternoon of July 14, 2012. Horsethief Lake is in the foreground and the Columbia River flows to the right just beyond the railroad grade. The majority of the dust settled into the River.

The photographs speak volumes about the amount of coal that is being lost on the coal trains' 1000-mile-long journey to the Pacific Coast. This is an example of the negative environmental impact that will be magnified many times over with the addition of more coal trains traveling the Columbia River Gorge as proposed for the MBTL. This impact needs to be evaluated as part of the site evaluation process, as the impact extends far beyond Longview.

Burlington Northern states that they require shippers to place surfactants on the coal when it is loaded. It is obvious from these pictures that ~~it~~<sup>is</sup> not working to prevent the loss of coal onto the properties and into the waterways along the BN right of way. If they were hauling these loads on the public highways they would be required to protect the public by covering their loads. Do not allow BN and MBTL to pollute a thousand miles of the Northwest. Require that loads be covered and require air quality monitoring along the right of way to ensure that the environment along the haul route is not being compromised.

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Relates to:

Air quality

Human Health

Transportation

Plants & Animals

Marine Species, Fish, or Fisheries

Wetlands or Streams

Water Quality

EIS Topic: The EIS should also address getting the 44 million tons of coal per year to the site! The loading site is only part of the project, & should be evaluated for cumulative effect.











