

Oct. 20th, 2016

Wasco Co. Board of Commission
511 Washington St.
The Dalles, OR 97058

Dear Commissioners:

As a fourth generation Mosier resident, I urge you to reconsider your earlier decision with regard to the URRS's proposal to implement the four+ miles "double tracking" through our city.

SAFETY and HEALTH issues are primary concerns. Although additional rail cars may be of economic benefit, the welfare of our Gorge citizens must surely take priority. The June 3rd derailment definitely brought those concerns before a local and national audience.

Regardless of stated regulations on record, I question the ability to enforce them on an hourly, daily basis.

As to one of your commissioners stating that your commission dealt with "land use" and not emotional issues, she can repeat that to her neighbors in South County, specifically those in and around Antelope. When safety and health issues are involved, it can become emotional. However, even as a land use decision, this proposal is still unacceptable.

I close with the hope that you will stand with your County citizens and deny URRS's request. You have heard five hours of testimony. We love our Gorge and its people.

Sincerely,

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