

October 30, 2016

Dear Wasco County Commissioners,

In regards to Union Pacific's application for the double track through Mosier, this application should be denied. I am writing to express my support of two of the appeals filed: the one by Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Columbia Riverkeeper, and Physicians for Social Responsibility as well as the appeal by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

I agree with the grounds of appeal contained in these two appeals. As a Wasco County resident I am especially concerned that this application would be approved by the Planning Commission even though it met none of the Chapter 5 conditional use criteria (Friends of Gorge, etc. Grounds of Appeal, page2).

In fairness if this application is approved then any future conditional use application by anyone should be approved regardless of whether it meets the criteria or not.

There are no <sup>enforceable</sup> conditions of approval that would make this application meet the criteria. My reaction to the Planning Commission's approval was not unlike my reaction to the verdict in Malheur occupiers' trial: one of disbelief.

The Planning Commission was told it needed conditions to make it acceptable to the tribes and Treaty Rights but approved the application anyway knowing it didn't meet the criteria. ("In regards to treaty rights the Planning Commission unlawfully removed a condition to protect treaty rights while acknowledging that this would bring the Decision out of compliance with the law": Friends of Gorge, etc. Grounds of Appeal, page 4; also Yakama Nation appeal, page2).

For these reasons and the other items contained in these two appeals, Union Pacific's application should be denied.

Sincerely,

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