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Message: I strongly oppose the conn 3 route on this docket. The study failed to identify several agricultural parcels and farms on it's map and the conn 3 route would split my 303 acre farm in half diagonally.

The entire area is also heavily used for fishing, snow machining, skiing, dog sledding, and other recreational activities.

My own farm sponsors an upland game bird club with over 80 members that uses the property to train and test their dogs. We also provide fields for A.K.C. hunt, field and water tests, Ak Fish and Game sponsored youth activities and Hunter Heritage sponsored events.

The main reason behind this entire rail line is to try and bail out a port sponsored by the Mat Su bourgh that was built against negative public opinion. The S.T.B needs to keep in mind that there is a port, the Port of Anchorage, three miles across Cook Inlet that already has rail service. The Mat Su bourgh states that we need the additional staging area for materials barged up for the projected gas pipeline. The Anchorage Port recently added 135 acres to it's facility. 60 acres of which is planned for off loading and staging facilities. --After all, we did manage to build the Alaska oil pipeline.

In conclusion: The people of Alaska and the people of the United States really don't need this rail line spur. The Matanuska/Susitna bourgh needs this rail line to try and save a multi million dollar bad idea.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Gary D. Thompson