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TO: Elizabeth Phinney Fax # 360-705-6821  
FROM: Dick Deane   
RE: Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project

As a Moses Lake, Washington resident for the past 70 years I would like to respond to the future relocation of the railroad that presently passes through the main corridor of our city.

I grew up here, taught school for 42 years and am now retired. I serve on many community minded, development, and service organizations.

As a private citizen I am very much concerned about the possible routing of the tracks again through the heart of our town.

In about 1913 or 1914 when the first railroad was placed in our town, we were very small and the railroad somewhat skirted our main corridor. Now that we have grown and the railroad is looking to be re-located we need to look further out than what originally happened 100 years ago.

As I see it the proposed route is only a slight variation from the original and leaves the railroad again back in the center of our town.

I would ask you to please consider a more northern route which would allow us to continue our natural growth and not be again confronted with the same problems we are now facing.

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