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I would like to see a study on the economic impact. If the terminals create jobs, how many, for how long. How many jobs would be lost if the project produces negative effects on the environment. The new jobs are immediate; long-term environmental or human health issues would be long-term. Can you project far enough out in your study to address this concern?



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- Could you please study the effect of increased rail traffic on the infrastructure ~~at~~ at each town the rails pass through delays in traffic; delays in emergency access to crossings
- Please study the projection of air quality in all ~~and~~ areas the trains pass through, as well as the effect of the increased noise
- Please study the projections of increased health issues in humans in areas where the trains pass through as well as ~~at~~ in towns near terminals
- Please study the effect of coal burned in China & how it will or will not blow emissions to Western US



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→ I am concerned about the benefit of this mining project to the tax payers - what will be given back to the tax payers when the coal is sold?

→ what will happen to the land when the coal has been stripped? what accommodations would be made to return it to a bio-diverse area, and who would pay for it?

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- I am employed in the tourist industry on San Juan Island. My concern*
- 1) *is the impact of coal dust spreading into the water & affecting the marine environment.*
  - 2) *the number of tankers traveling through the waters near the San Juans. ~~They~~ They are difficult to maneuver in the narrow straits. How would a spill be cleaned up*
  - 3) *the increased noise caused by the tankers, <sup>what effect it would have</sup> on whale activity/calls*
  - 4) *1. D.S.A is not equipped for a major spill <sup>from</sup> those tankers & the islands are too remote for immediate assistance. What are the projections if there was an oil spill?*
  - 5) *How about the effect of increased tankers & coal dust on the salmon? If it decreases the salmon, then the whales go away.*
    - 6) *Proponents say it brings jobs. what is the projection for the number of jobs that would be lost if the beauty*

of the environment & birds destroyed & the whales are gone. Tourism would die -  
how many jobs would be lost?

First name: Stephanie Prima-Sarantopoulos

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: Friday Harbor WA 98250

Phone: 360 378 1188

Would you like to be added to the mailing list?  Yes  No

**Note:** Any information provided to the agencies will be posted on the website and may be released to a third party as part of the agencies' record for this action. This includes the release of identifiable personal information such as personal name, address, phone number, etc., that is provided in the response.



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GPT/BNSF Custer Spur EIS Co-Lead Agencies  
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- what would be estimated add'l tax assessed to pay for oil spill preparedness
- Please study increased ambient noise of tankers
- Please study effects of increased tanker traffic in the shipping lanes on WA state ferry traffic
- what would be cost to tax payers for increased emergency <sup>responders</sup> coast guard presence with increased tanker traffic
- Please include in your study, the safety records and accident records of the tankers that will be used as well as maneuverability <sup>& response time</sup> in narrow straits to ~~allow~~ for emergency actions



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- > Please study the likelihood/possibility of complications from fishing nets interfering with transiting cargo vessels
- > What will be the effect of coal dust on the herring spawning grounds followed by the loss of salmon who eat the salmon
- > Please make it a Global EIS, or US, Canada, China at very minimum
- > Please study the effect of increased ballast-water and foreign organisms brought in by so many additional tankers



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- 1) Please study: tourism brings in 116 million to the San Juans. In the event of an oil spill or tanker collision, what would be the effect on tourism, the decrease in tourism dollars? What is the gain in dollars to all communities involved if the project goes through versus the the loss
- 2) what is the effect of coal dust residue on plants in the region?
- 3) What is the effect of spraying "containment" chemicals on the plants & environment?