

Governor Gregoire and elected officials and maybe Kelso

Currently there are six coal export terminal proposals pending in the Washington and Oregon slated to export approximately 157 million tons of coal annually. Moving 157 million tons of coal from the coal fields of Montana and Wyoming through the Columbia River Gorge for shipment will have significant economic, community, environmental and transportation impacts to Washington and Oregon.

At the present time each proposal is being evaluated and permitted individually without comprehensive consideration of either the cumulative long and short term benefits and/or impacts of all the coal export terminals on Washington State and our individual communities.

To that end, we respectfully urge you to join the City of Longview and submit letters to the appropriate regulatory agencies requesting that a comprehensive environmental impact statement be developed under the guidelines of the National Environmental Policy Act. The regulatory agencies should include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior and Environmental Protection Agency. Attached please find a copy of the City of Longview's letter and the letter submitted by Oregon's Governor Kitzhaber.

Attachments