

**From:** Sharron Brainard <quiltbrains@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 3:40 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Oil in Vancouver

**Categories:** Comment, Blue Category

I am opposed to the transport of huge amounts of oil through Vancouver to be drop-shipped to processing plants elsewhere. The Columbia River Gorge is a tremendous asset to both Oregon and Washington. Transporting massive amounts of oil through this internationally recognized scenic area will present a long-term environmental challenge as each train moving millions of gallons of oil it a potential disaster waiting to happen.

Dozens of trains pass about 3 - 400 feet from my home every day. I am a proponent of getting trucks off the roadways by consolidating freight onto rail cars yet transporting crude oil is a different element. The trains move lots of goods and reduce the carbon impact of hundreds of trucks. Trains transporting crude oil across long distances and great expanses of our beautiful Pacific NW and Columbia River Gorge are a huge potentially negative impact and greatly increase the negative carbon impact on our local environment.

We need to decrease our consumption of oil. Transporting crude oil by rail to the proposed West Coast terminals will only encourage increased consumption of this limited resource. We need to wean ourselves from the ugly habit of oil consumption. A few jobs will never compensate us for the long-term degradation of our environment.

Stop the trains before they begin!

Sharron Brainard