

Good evening. I'm Pat Freiberg, I live at 8327 NE 54th St in Vancouver. I came here 43 years ago, raised my children in Vancouver and have young adult grandchildren living in Clark County.

Before arthritis set in I used to be an avid hiker and for decades I hiked both sides of the Columbia River Gorge, about 100 miles from the Sandy River to Biggs Junction. The gorge as we know it today was carved out by a series of prehistoric floods originating in Missoula, Montana. About 40 miles east of here, Wind Mountain, on the Washington side, was once attached to the Cascades on the Oregon side. It didn't give way easily to the scouring floods. Today this is an unstable area where the BNSF tracks run between a slowly shifting Wind Mountain and the Columbia River. I understand that the BNSF trains slow down dramatically while traversing around Wind Mountain because the slope is so steep nothing grows on it and falling rocks are a frequent occurrence.

This instability extends across the river to Interstate 84 on the Oregon side. I-84 slowly buckles over time as the ground beneath it shifts and the adjacent mountain slides rock by stone onto the interstate during storms. In fact, this situation has caused closure of Interstate 84 at least twice in the time I've lived here. I-84 requires frequent roadwork and repaving of buckling in this area. If I had to predict a likely spot for train derailment and oil spill into the Columbia, it would be at the BNSF tracks circling around Wind Mountain.

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Did you know that Tesoro Savage uses a contractor for cleanup? This leaves me wondering who's responsible for the expense of cleanup, Tesoro Savage or a contractor with a much shallower pocket.

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I spoke with the cleanup company representatives who proudly showed me their equipment. It's a floating boom that has absorbent pads attached and dangling below. This is the same method that was used so unsuccessfully by BP in the Gulf in 2010 and by Exxon Valdez 30 years ago in Alaska.

While subsidized oil companies have invested heavily in new drilling technology, bringing us the world of fracking, they've invested little to -0- in cleanup

technology. Even my household equipment is more sophisticated. If I spill a carton of orange juice on the kitchen floor, I can reach for the roll of paper towels or I can plug in my Shark and vacuum up most of the spillage. Isn't it reasonable to expect a billion dollar subsidized oil industry to have clean up technology equal to a household appliance?

I say no to this siting. It presents known and predictable dangers to our beloved and often troubled river. If an oil spill should occur, Tesoro Savage is not equipped to adequately clean up a spill or deal with the resulting environmental damage.

Thank you,

Patricia Freiberg