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Subject: Uncovered Coal Train Cars
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Hello,

I'm an Edmonds resident, but grew up in Shoreline and have spent my whole life in the Seattle area.

Today I took these photos at Saltwater Park of a very long train made up entirely of uncovered coal train cars. This is so disturbing. I know Shoreline has invested a lot of time and money making Saltwater Park a beautiful place to spend time. In my opinion it's in the top 3 of the nicest beaches in the Seattle area.

What is being done to legislate or force the issue of getting these coal cars covered as they move through our region? That's the very least that can be done to protect our shoreline environments as well as the thousands of families that live along the train tracks. The environmental damage it's causing is going to be paid for by us. Wouldn't it be cheaper to spend political will and prevent it now instead of spending actual dollars later? I was going down today pick blackberries on the beach, but decided not to after seeing the train. I don't enjoy heavy metals on my blackberries.

I bet this train is "parked" at Richmond Beach to wait for nightfall to move through Edmonds (so people won't see the train and protest).

I appreciate any information you have to offer on this issue.

Thank you,

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