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Spokane and vicinity are unique as they sit over one of the largest sole source glacial gravel aquifers in the country. Our top priority should be protecting this precious irreplaceable resource, not cashing in on big fossil fuel magnates exploiting it and continuing their acceleration of global warming. As the climate warms, the water cycle that fills the aquifer could change or diminish substantially. We should be conserving it, not polluting it. Not only does the BNSF fuel depot leak over the aquifer, we have coal and oil trains threatening the aquifer, lakes, and rivers every day, all day. When a bitumen train blows up Sacred Heart's Campus and half of downtown, perhaps this will convince WADOE that oil and coal trains were a BAD IDEA. Not \$ure why we let these train\$ roll through here AT ALL.