

Price River Watershed Conservation District

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Uinta Basin Railway EIS

The Price River Watershed Conservation District (PRWCD) would like to express its concerns of the proposed Uinta Basin Railway.

The PRWCD works to restore, protect, properly manage and use the natural resources in Carbon county and parts of Utah, Wasatch, Duchesne, and Uintah counties.

The concerns that we have are:

- Effects on Greater Sage Grouse and the leks that are in the Emma Park and Whitmore Park areas
- Effects on water resources including riparian areas
- Impacts to grazing and livestock safety
- Noxious and invasive weeds being introduced and spread to new areas
- Impacts to private landowners
- Soil Erosion

These concerns also reflect the concerns of many of the public that use the area that will be affected by the construction of the railway.

The construction of this railway will have too much of a detrimental effect on the natural resources along the proposed route and due to that we as the Price River Watershed Conservation District do not support the construction of this railway.

Sincerely



Jake Pressett, Vice Chairman
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