



# Uinta Basin Railway

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Section 106 Consulting Party Teleconference 6

Uinta Basin Railway EIS  
June 24, 2020



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### Agenda

- Introductions, Background and Project Updates
- Programmatic Agreement
  - Parties
  - Preamble
  - Stipulations
- Next Steps



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### Introductions

#### **Lead Agency - 800.2 (a) (2)**

- Surface Transportation Board

#### **Other Federal Agencies – 800.2 (a)**

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service, Ashley National Forest
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

#### **Council – 800.2 (b)**

- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

#### **State Historic Preservation Officer – 800.2 (c) (1)**

- Utah Division of State History

#### **Indian Tribes – 800.2 (c) (2) (i)**

- Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation

#### **Indian Tribes – 800.2 (c) (2) (ii)**

- The Hopi Tribe of Arizona

#### **Representatives of Local Governments – 800.2 (c) (3)**

- Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office
- Utah Department of Transportation
- Uintah County
- Duchesne County
- Carbon County

#### **Applicant for Federal permit – 800.2 (c) (4)**

- Seven County Infrastructure Coalition

#### **Additional Consulting Parties 800.2. (c) (5)**

- State Institutional Trust Lands Administration
- Nine Mile Canyon Coalition
- Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance
- Utah Rock Art Research Association



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# Consultation to Date Invited Consulting Parties

### Accepted Consulting Party Status

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	State Institutional Trust Lands Administration
BLM Price Field Office	The Hopi Tribe of Arizona
BLM Vernal Field Office	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Uintah and Ouray Agency	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Region	U.S. Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District
Carbon County	Uintah County
Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance	Utah Department of Transportation
Duchesne County	Utah Division of State History
Nine Mile Canyon Coalition	Utah Rock Art Research Association
Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office	Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition	--



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Project Introduction and  
Updates

Project Overview

Project Map

Environmental Review  
Process

National Historic  
Preservation Act

Public Involvement

Documents & Links

Project Mailing List

Contact Us

*This project website was developed and is maintained by the Surface Transportation Board, the lead federal agency responsible for preparing the Uinta Basin Railway Environmental Impact Statement. The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition has no role in determining the content of this website.*

### HOME PAGE

Welcome to the project website for the Uinta Basin Railway Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

### Project Introduction

The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) has filed a request with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authority to construct and operate an approximately 85-mile common-carrier rail line connecting two termini in the Uinta Basin near South Myton Bench, Utah, and Leland Bench, Utah, to the national rail network. The construction and operation of this proposed project has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has determined that the preparation of an EIS is appropriate pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

### Project Updates

- The Coalition filed a Petition for Exemption with the Board on May 29, 2020. [Click here to view.](#)
- OEA issued a Notice of Availability of the Final Scope of Study for the EIS in the Federal Register on December 13, 2019. [Click here to view.](#)
- The scoping public comment period is now closed. [Click here](#) to learn more about the scoping process.
- Information from the July 2019 public scoping meetings is available to review. [Click here to view.](#)
- OEA issued a Notice of Intent and Draft Scope of Study for the EIS in the Federal Register, initiating the scoping process, on June 19, 2019. To see the Notice of Intent and Draft Scope of Study, [click here.](#)
- If you wish to be added to the project mailing list, [click here.](#)



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### **New Information on the Project Website**

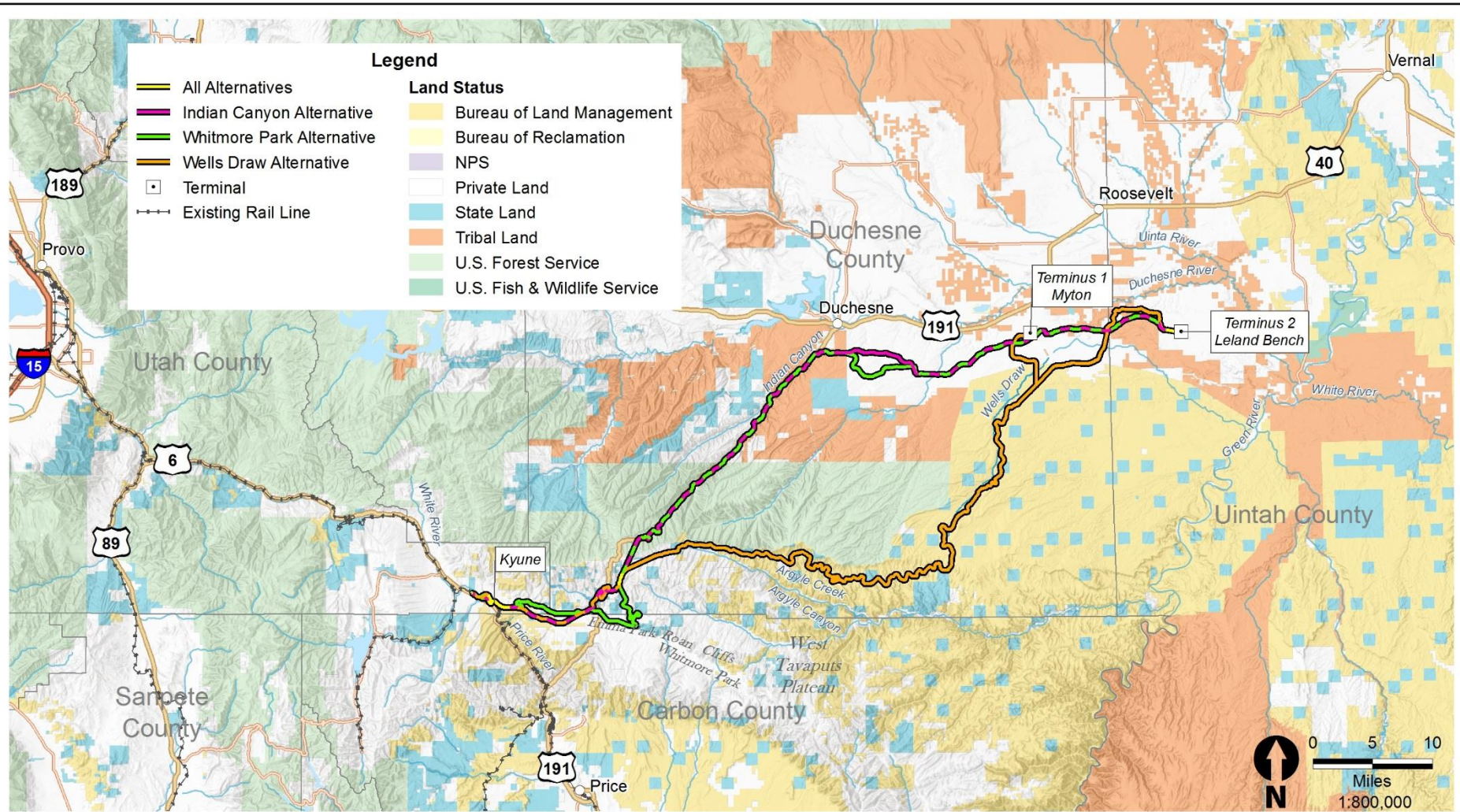
- May 27 consulting party teleconference
  - PowerPoint presentation
  - Meeting summary
- Final version of Coalition's Archaeology Report

**<http://uintabasinrailwayeis.com/>**



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### Programmatic Agreement - Parties

#### ➤ Signatories

- Surface Transportation Board (federal agency)
- State Historic Preservation Officer
- Ute Indian Tribe
- Advisory Council\*

#### ➤ Invited Signatories

#### ➤ Concurring Parties





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### Programmatic Agreement - Preamble

- Preamble aka “The Whereases”
  - Project details, relevant regulations
  - Phased identification
  - Consultation
  - Area of Potential Effects
  - Identification and evaluation effort to date
  - Known historic properties
  - Parties, roles



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### **Programmatic Agreement - Stipulations**

- Build on existing work
- Ongoing consultation
- Consultation with Ute Indian Tribe
- Specifics regarding Board oversight of Coalition work
- Navigating “known unknowns”
- Provisions for visual analysis related to setting
- Finish identification / evaluation & effects analysis
- Historic Properties Treatment Plan



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### Next Steps

- Review questions and comments from this call
- Prepare and post PowerPoint & call summary
- Finalize draft PA and distribute to Consulting Parties
- Finalize draft identification and evaluation/effects assessment technical memo including revised APE description, distribute to Consulting Parties
- Continue updating project website



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