



**Surface Transportation Board
Uinta Basin Railway Environmental Impact Statement
Section 106 Consulting Parties Teleconference Notes
March 25, 2020**

Meeting Participants

Surface Transportation Board (STB), Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) – Alan Tabachnick, Joshua Wayland
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) – Nicole Fresard
U.S. Forest Service (USFS) – Jeffrey Rust
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – William Brant, Amber Koski, Nate Thomas
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) – Garry Cantley, Chris Secakuku
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) – John Eddins
Utah State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) – Savanna Agardy
Utah Public Land Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) – Kris Carambeles
Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) – Joel Boomgarden
Carbon County – Casey Hopes
Duchesne County – Gregory Todd
Uintah County – Matt Cazier, Ross Watkins
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition)
 HDR – Jennifer Andraesen, Melissa Cano, Andrea Clayton, Catherine Dobbs, Kevin Keller, Tony Klaumann, Doree Magiera
 Venable – Amanda Crawford
 SWCA – Kelly Beck, Anne Oliver
Colorado Plateau Archeological Alliance – Jerry Spangler
ICF – Colleen Davis, Debi Rogers, Mikenna Wolff

Project Updates

- Coronavirus is affecting us all. If any Consulting Party is experiencing challenges that might prevent their organization from fully participating in the consultation process, OEA encourages them to reach out to discuss accommodations.
- OEA reviewed the items that have been added to the project website since last month's call. In particular, the Draft APE was sent out to all Consulting Parties and posted on the website. OEA would like to get input on the Draft APE by the next meeting.
- OEA continues to receive new and refined project details from the Coalition.

Area of Potential Effects

- The "construction easement" includes all areas of permanent and temporary disturbance, a buffer zone, tunnels, road realignments, communication towers, bridges, culverts, water crossings, and logical access road locations.
- The Draft APE for Archaeology is the construction easement. The construction easement is an irregular size and shape but on average is 240 feet on each side of the centerline.
- The Draft APE for Historical Architecture is a uniform 1,740 feet on each side of the centerline. The total width of the APE for Historical Architecture is 3,480 feet wide.
- Group reviewed the Draft APE mapbook page-by-page.
- Jerry Spangler (CPAA) asked for clarification about the size of each Draft APE. He noted that some archaeology sites might be located outside the APE as it is currently defined.
 - OEA noted that these are Draft APEs and they may evolve as more information becomes available. All Consulting Parties are encouraged to submit comments about suggested changes to the APE or sites to be considered.
- Jeff Rust (USFS) asked for a copy of the GIS files for the Draft APE. GIS of the project centerlines are currently available on the project website, OEA will work on posting GIS files of the APE.

Identification and Evaluation

- The Coalition's draft technical reports are posted on the project website. These reports are currently undergoing revisions and final versions will be posted when they are available.
- Group previewed some of the architectural sites that are being reviewed as part of the identification and evaluation effort. Identification and evaluation will be covered in more detail at the next meeting.

Next Steps

- OEA encouraged all Consulting Parties to review the Draft APE in more detail and submit comments. Consulting Party input will be incorporated into the next version of the APE.
 - Comments can be shared with Alan Tabachnick via phone or email.
- Next call will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.
- OEA/ICF Actions
 - OEA will prepare GIS of the Draft APE and post to the project website

Draft Agenda for Next Call

- Review identification and evaluation effort
- Opportunities for comment