



Uinta Basin Railway

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Welcome to the Public Scoping
Meeting for the Environmental
Impact Statement on the
Uinta Basin Railway



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of Surface Transportation Board and Environmental Impact Statement Process
- Overview of the Proposed Action
- Categories of Potential Impacts
- More Information and Public Comments



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Introductions



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Overview of Surface Transportation Board and Environmental Impact Statement Process

- The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is the federal agency responsible for granting authority for the construction and operation of new rail lines.
- The Board will review the transportation merits of the proposal and the potential environmental impacts.
- The Board will then issue a Final Decision to deny, grant, or grant with conditions (including environmental conditions), the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's (Coalition) request to construct and operate the proposed rail line.



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Overview of Surface Transportation Board and Environmental Impact Statement Process (cont.)

- Scoping Process
 - Conduct agency consultation and public involvement
 - Develop range of alternatives including the “No Action” Alternative
 - Identify topics to analyze in Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Issue a Final Scope of Study
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Analyze potential environmental effects of alternatives
 - Develop preliminary mitigation
 - Establish public comment period and hold public meetings



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Overview of Surface Transportation Board and Environmental Impact Statement Process (cont.)

- Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - Respond to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Office of Environmental Analysis identifies its Preferred Alternative and recommends environmental related mitigation
- Final Decision
 - Board issues Final Decision
 - Cooperating Agencies issue Records of Decision



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Applicant's Proposed Action

- The Coalition proposes to construct and operate an approximately 80-mile rail line from two terminus points near Myton, Utah and Leland Bench, Utah to an existing rail line near Kyune, Utah.
- As described by the Coalition, the purpose of the proposed project is to provide common-carrier rail service connecting the Uinta Basin to the interstate rail network using a route that would provide a cost-effective alternative to trucking.
- The Coalition estimates that approximately 7 trains would move along the proposed rail line per day, including loaded and unloaded trains.
- The Coalition expects that proposed rail line would be used transport crude oil, fracturing sand, machinery, and mineral and agricultural products and commodities.

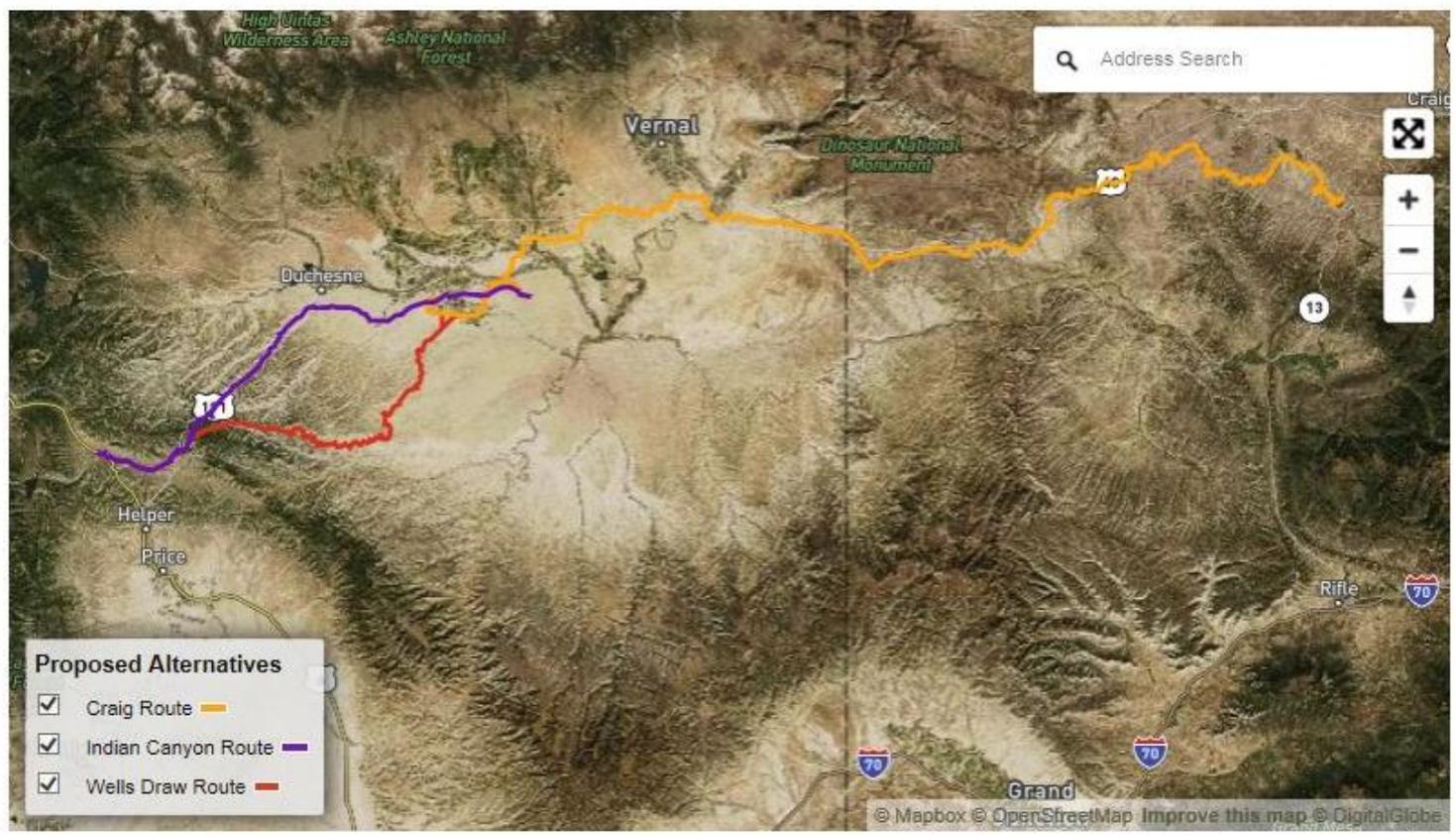


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Categories of Potential Impacts

- Public Safety
- Transportation Systems
- Air Quality and Climate Change
- Noise and Vibration
- Land Use
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Biological Resources
- Socioeconomics
- Recreation
- Water Resources
- Visual Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Environmental Justice



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Items of Interest

▶ [Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Issued for the Uinta Basin Railway Project](#)

On June 19, 2019, the Surface Transportation Board issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement related to the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's proposal to construct and operate an approximately 80-mile rail line in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, Utah. The Notice requests public comment on the Draft Scope of Study for the environmental review and advises interested parties that the agency will hold public scoping meetings, where members of the public will be invited to provide oral and written comments on the Draft Scope of Study. To view the Notice, click [here](#).

▶ [2017 Public Use Waybill Sample](#)

The Board has posted the 2017 Public Use Waybill Sample as well as the 2017 Uniform Railroad Costing System (URCS) data for 2017. Requests for the 2017 Confidential Waybill Sample are being processed. All STB work products reliant on the 2017 Waybill Sample (e.g., PSAM and various stratification reports) will follow

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

Project Introduction

The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) plans to file a request with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authority to construct and operate an approximately 80-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 locations of the Fort Duchesne and Salt Lake City public scoping meetings have been UPDATED, [click here](#).
- Due to a 24-hour technical issue with the project website, OEA will accept public scoping comments through August 5, 2019. To submit an electronic comment, [click here](#).
- 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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Please leave a comment. If applicable, click on the map to select a location (latitude and longitude) that corresponds to the location of the comment. See below for additional ways to submit comments.

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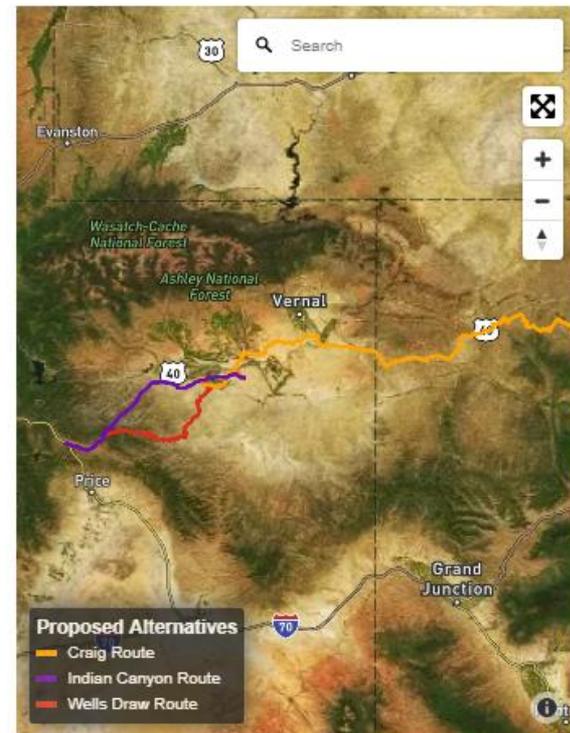
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ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Comments may also be submitted in writing. [Click here](#) for the mailing address. Comments may be submitted via email: uinta.eis@icf.com and via the Board's website, www.stb.gov, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link on the Board's home page and then selecting "Environmental Comments." Please refer to Docket No. FD 36284 in all correspondence to the Surface Transportation Board and address comments to ATTN: Joshua Wayland. All comments must be received or postmarked by August 5, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: By submitting your personal contact information for the Uinta Basin Railway Project, you consent to have your information shared publicly within and outside of the Surface Transportation Board and any cooperating agencies without additional authorization.



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Thank You



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- At today's meeting
 - Fill in a comment card
 - Make an oral comment
- Mail a written comment

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Attention: Environmental filing, Docket No. FD 36284
- Submit your comment electronically
 - Project website comment page: <http://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com>
 - Via email: uinta.eis@icf.com
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