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Re: *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition – Construction and Operation – in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, UT, STB Docket No. FD 36284*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am a landowner in Salida, CO. I am opposed to the Uinta Basin Railway Project, and to the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's Petition for Exemption dated May 29, 2020 for the following reasons:

- Lack of environmental protections will cause harm to our Gold medal fishing water, world class river rafting and wildlife.
- Our valley has experienced an economic boom since the railway closed in 1998 and reopening it will do irreparable harm to our economy.
- The noise will ruin the peace and tranquility of our town and valley.
- It will render my home and property worthless.
- This will cut off the City of Salida from access to our mountain trails again causing irreparable harm to our economy.
- On Nov 22, 1994, a taconite train derailed just north of Tennessee Pass spilling taconite pellets and at least 1500 gallons of diesel fuel, which caught fire. On February 22, 1996, a train carrying 120,00 gallons of sulfuric acid derailed in nearly the same spot spilling 27,000 gallons killing 2 and sending 18 more people to the hospital as well as devastating the environment in that area. It is not safe to run trains on this line at this time.
- The Coalition continues to falsely claim that the railway will serve agriculture and other industries, yet there are no plans whatsoever to construct transloading facilities for these other market segments.
- They are doing everything in their power to skirt the proper process without regard for private landowners, the environment or impacted counties and municipalities.

Mayor P.T. Wood
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7th day of July 2020, I caused a copy of the foregoing Letter to be served on all parties of record by email, online comment portal (Utah Governor's Office), or first class mail, postage prepaid.

Signed *P.T. Wood*

Print Name Powell T Wood