

EI-30009

To the EIS Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns on the proposed railway route through the Argyle Canyon Community.

We as a community know and understand the importance of providing additional transportation options from the Uinta Basin, and that this project will happen. Our concerns are; we feel that not all routes and options have been fairly considered, and studied, to make sure this has the least impact to the environment, area wildlife, and existing communities.

One option we suggested was to run up SR 191 to the right fork of Indian Canyon, which would exit right out at the Emma Park junction with very little impact to the environment, wildlife, or larger communities as a whole. Our requests for this option seems to have fallen upon death ears - since to our knowledge, this option was never considered, or communicated to us as it not being a viable option.

On a personal note: As a child, my father had a cabin and land on the Provo River in Woodland, Utah where he always provided a very welcoming and peaceful place for not only his immediate family, but also for many others, both friends and those less unfortunate to have a peaceful place to go.

This served as a place to escape the everyday challenges and pressures of life where one could have a chance to recharge, and become grounded with nature - as we all have that basic human need.

This also provided a place to strengthen family ties and bond with one another whether it be immediate family, friends, or a welcomed guest.

I am sure you all can relate to a place that either you have, or have access to which serves this basic human need which in fact, is nearly impossible to place a physical dollar value on.

To make a long story short, my father's place was all lost in the name of "Progress" which effected many people's lives as they now had no peaceful place to go, and a place to unwind from life's challenges.

Many of us, approximately 500 owners in the Argyle community have spent countless hours, physical efforts, and life savings, to develop the same kind of places that many others and I had experienced with my father's place. This peaceful community is now at great risk with this proposed railroad route.

As you can see from the more than the 3300 plus signatures on the opposing petition, if this recommended route is approved then this will have a huge impact on multiple families, friends, and many others that cherish these places to have access to escape the challenges from everyday life we all so desperately need in today's hectic world.

In closing, I would like to leave one thought with each, and every one of you involved with making the decisions on the proposed routes.

If you can go home tonight and consciously lay your head on your pillow then go to sleep without the thought of just how many lives your decision will impact in a negative manor, which this could one day be you, or your loved ones in the same circumstances. Can you comfortably rest and live with that decision the rest of your lives?

Remember -Karma is a strong and living force that can either comfort you, or haunt you.

What will your choice be? Thank you for your time and consideration.