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The proposed Uinta Basin Railway oil train would increase production of oil from the Uinta Basin by between 225,000 and 350,000 barrels of oil per day. In a region that currently only produces around 80,000 barrels per day, this would represent a quadrupling of oil extraction, which would have dire consequences for air quality, public lands, water, and global warming. The construction and operation of the railway itself would also have major impacts. Three possible routes have been identified, but the 80-mile Indian Canyon route has been identified as the preferred option and is most likely to be constructed. At least \$27.9 million in public funds have already been illegally dedicated to forward the project and the ultimate cost of the railway would be at least \$1.2 billion. Maps and additional information can be found at: <http://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com/>

For more background on the Uinta Basin Railway, check out this op-ed:
<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2018/12/23/commentary-cib-should/>

Air pollution in the Uinta Basin has already reached dangerous levels due to oil and gas development. By quadrupling oil extraction in the region, the railway would exacerbate this problem, resulting in more asthma attacks and other harmful conditions that can lead to premature death.

The extraction and combustion of four times as much oil from the Uinta Basin would threaten our ability to avoid the most disastrous effects of climate change by staying under 1.5°C warming.

Fossil fuel development requires large amounts of water. At a time when water security for the region is more tenuous than ever, increased oil development unleashed by the Uinta Basin Railway would threaten the region's water supply.

The new development needed to create a fourfold increase in oil development in the Uinta Basin will result in major impacts to the region's landscapes, including on public lands.

New oil train traffic will create increased inconvenience, air pollution, and risk of derailment in the communities through which the trains travel.