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Railways have been part of the structure and building of our country since the 1800's it has done nothing but assist in growth and connecting the country. I do not see how this specific railway would be any different than those of the past.

It seems the people filing a law suit have no interest in doing anything but delaying the inevitable and wasting money. The railway is not going to impact anything different than all the other railways that have contributed to the success of our country have done in the past. The impact on the environment vs. the impact on our economy is a no brainer. Minimal impact on the environment and a huge impact on improving the economy in the Uinta Basin as well as assisting the US to be able to produce enough gas and oil to self sustain.

I hope the Environmentalist filing a lawsuit are not the same "Environmentalist" that were protesting the the Oil sands in the book cliffs were all about saving the environment. However the mess left behind would indicate they have less respect for the environment and more interest in being sheep with a messed up view on saving the environment. But demonstrated their concern of the environment by leaving behind their trash, abandoned cars, left animals behind to fend for them selves, human waste etc. But they were there to save the environment. All Hacks! They would protest they sky being blue if someone told them it was good idea and they felt like it gave them a purpose for their opinion, person perspective to be heard and create chaos based off ideas not facts.

Studies discussed in "Railway Ecology" states:

There is strong evidence that noise, light, and vibrations that can reach from 85.5 to 97 dB(A), can affect insects, amphibians and birds (Fig. 6.2). In contrast, the availability of food and vegetation in the railway verges seems to overcome the noise pollution and seems to attract reptiles, some bird species, and several mammals (Fig. 6.2). There is a wide diversity of measures to minimize railway disturbances (Railway Ecology pp 81-99)

I am sure that the individuals and agencies in charge of the railway are smart enough and care enough about the environment to apply all measures to minimize any damage to the environment.

Seems like most that are against it because of the land it will use, but I bet those people who's land will be impacted will be fairly compensated and their livestock will adjust. Never seen a cow refuse to graze because their was a train or vehicle near by. Our community/economy in the basin need this rail way. Not sure how much longer we can sustain our community without it. Uinta Basin progressed to what it today mostly due to Oil Industry.