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1- They say it benefits agriculture. However the top ag product in the basin is cattle and they do not get shipped on the railroad. The second is Milk and that also is not shipped on railroad. Third is Hay and because half is fed local the amount available to ship is very small to support the shipment on railroad. Corn is the fourth and again if you take out what is fed it is very small to benefit from railroad.

2- Traffic safety, They will still truck oil to the Wasatch Front to meet the needs of the refinery. So the number of trucks coming and leaving the basin will not change. With the increase in production that they claim, an increase in trucks will be needed to support the drilling and production causing more trucks to be on the roads in the local areas. Therefore having a negative effect on safety not an improvement.

3- With our desert environment we often have flash flood events that can cause major flooding as well as washout roads and structures in the area of the proposed railroad.

4- With all the BLM ground (public lands) close to the proposed route, why are we destroying important agriculture lands on private property? Once the crude oil is on the trucks it is not hard to drive two more miles south and stay out of the farm ground.

5- Historical petroglyphs are located in the proposed route and can be damaged.

6- They say it is to help agriculture but it is proposed to go through the middle of some of the most productive lands in Duchesne County, threatening irrigation systems and decreasing the land value.

7- Pariette, Antelope Canyon and Indian Canyon are impaired watersheds on the states 303d list and the proposed project will cause more problems and problem areas related to water quality in each of those watersheds.

8- Indian canyon is one of Utah's scenic byway in the state and the proposed action will change that in a negative way.

9- The geology of Indian canyon is such that rocks are often falling on roadways. What is going to stop them from falling on the railroad? Will the increase in vibration from the railroad cause more rocks to fall causing more safety concerns for those using the roads?

10- We live in the second driest state and one of the driest areas of that state. With the increase in oil production and the railroad needs we do not have the needed water to support the increase in the oil industry. If that water comes at the sacrifice of agriculture we again will hurt one of the areas claimed as a benefit.

11- During the last oil boom the nine-mile road had over 4600 vehicles a day. In the proposed project the railroad crosses this road. This will cause safety issues for those living in the area. Other roads will be effected similarly in the proposed route. This could be avoided by staying on BLM ground.