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In the Project Overview, the Indian Canyon Route and the Wells Draw Route misrepresents the fact that much of the railway crosses private property. The description fails to even mention the words ""private property"" and its impact to private property.

The Project Map again misrepresents the fact that much of the Indian Canyon Route and the Wells Draw Route crosses private property. The map's Legend fails to indicate the location of private property.

In the ""Evaluation of Potential Route Alternatives"" document, the impact on people and their private property has been completely ignored!

How much of the land needed to construct the railway is currently owned (i.e. deed in hand) by the counties? ...or the individual government officials who will benefit from it?

None of the property is owned by any of the counties/people that are proposing this railway. It appears they have obtained money (legally or illegally) that isn't their's for the purpose of creating a railway on property they don't own. I'm sure none of them would allow a railroad to go through their front yard, their backyard or under their yard. Shame on them!!!

The only way the Indian Canyon Route can be the least bit viable is if a train can make it up the grade. All previous attempts to construct a railway up the canyon have failed because the surface grade is too steep. The only way for a train to successfully make it up is to construct a tunnel. The current group's proposal is to bore a 3- to 4-mile long tunnel under private property...property they don't own. The map (and legend) fails to indicate the location of either of the two proposed tunnels, which will be on/under private property.

Where does four miles of toxic diesel exhaust go? How long will it linger in the tunnel? It will never remain hot enough to naturally flow uphill to the tunnel opening. I'm sure that some of it will be moved along by the momentum of the moving train. Who are the lucky landowners that get to smell the diesel exhaust as it leaves the end of the tunnel? Over the length of 4 miles, the tunnel will require ventilation shafts. Who are the lucky landowners that get a huge hole in their ground where they get to smell the toxic diesel exhaust as it leaves those ventilation shafts?

The following links to YouTube videos show my concerns about diesel exhaust exiting from the ends of the tunnel or through ventilation shafts:

- https://youtu.be/wXpTRpn_fuQ. Watch from the beginning to 1:23.
- <https://youtu.be/qSXD23j7Djg?t=280>. Watch from the beginning (4:40) to 5:11.
- https://youtu.be/Q_pWXCtWZJQ. Watch from the beginning to 1:56. Again from 2:03 to 2:42. From 3:22 to 4:50. From 5:00 to 6:21. From 6:22 to 8:21 and 8:23 to the end (8:59).

The tunnel entrances are black for a reason! The videos show my concerns.

Thank you for being willing to consider my concerns that will impact the land, vegetation, animals, fowl, insects, air, and people, and the enjoyment of their land and environment that they have spent their hard-earned money and time (for some a lifetime) caring for it.