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I am commenting in regards to the Indian Canyon/Wells Draw route, specifically the area that goes through 40 or so private property owner's land. It goes through more across the entire route, but this specific area is what I will comment on today.

My family has owned property in that area for 30 years. We have built it up, expanded it, and made it ours. It would be a real shame if a railroad were to pass through this area. I feel, as do many others, that a railroad is unnecessary, especially through this type of terrain. It will cost a ton of money to build and irritate a bunch of property owners. Why not take the railroad through a more southern route through the open desert where it doesn't seem it will affect as many people?

I was told on a facebook post that the route was selected with environmental impacts in mind. But here's the thing. There are corporations, government entities, and individuals who will completely disregard what their fellow mankind thinks just to save a few birds in the path of a road or other building project. They would rather destroy someone's home. That is sickening to me that they care more for the environment than they do about their neighbor. I'm not saying that we shouldn't care about the environment, but we should care for our fellow human beings more when come the choice.

The area I have highlighted on the map where the proposed route goes through makes no sense. It shows it snaking through the mountain in an unnatural way. When considering the terrain, the purple line shows the railroad going up and then down, then up, then down, etc. It doesn't even contour to the landscape in a way that makes any sense. So us as the property owners really have no idea what will be destroyed and what will not be destroyed.

Please take my comments into consideration and prove me wrong when I say that they will be thrown in the trash. Because that's all that corporations seem to do now adays is ignore what the public thinks and just do what they want anyway.

Please call me if you would like additional comments regarding this issue, and I will be happy to have a discussion. I am even willing, if needed, to travel to Vernal or wherever the headquarters is at in order to meet with any executives of Uinta Basin Railway if my schedule allows it.

Thanks,

-Chris Quick

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