

DEIS Public Comment for Uinta Basin Railway Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

As Director of Business Development for BHI I see 1st hand the potential the rail project brings to companies in the basin. Knowing that historically it has been an area of both boom and bust, why would we not look to bring opportunity and stability to a market that for years has been forced to look outside their own backyards for a means of employment. From the initial construction of the project, to the long term ability to import/export goods, this project has the ability to solidify growth in an area ripe with talent that for too long has either been without work, or without home lives due to the logistics of chasing work out of state.

Beyond just those that will benefit from work related directly to the rail's presence, I believe you will see sustainable growth generated by the dollars now being made also being spent locally. Rather than watch Basin residents work out of town and spend their per-diem out of town, or unemployed residents holding onto their money, you have the opportunity to push that money throughout the community. Gas stations, stores, restaurants, etc will reap the benefits of the expansion economically presented by the rail project.

I firmly believe that the decision to push this project through opens the door to immeasurable growth not only financially, but in ways most find priceless. Parents home at night with their kids because they are working in and around home, relationships no longer strained by distance, a sense of pride knowing what you do each day is actively contributing to communities most have been loyal to for generation after generation.

I hear people say "you have to be strong to be from The Basin" and in keeping with that mantra, a project like this allows The Basin to be just that..... strong.

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