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Subject: Uinta Basin Railway Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Docket No. FD 36284

RDCC Project No. 76724

Dear Dr. Wayland:

On behalf of the Carbon County Commissioners, we appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Carbon County believes that the Uinta Basin Railway project will fill a gap in major infrastructure that will help develop and diversify the regional economy. The railway would also reduce the region's dependence on trucks while alleviating road congestion and air pollution. Carbon County supports the conclusion of the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) that the environmental impacts from this project will be mitigated for or addressed to reduced impacts from the project.

Carbon County believes the proposed Whitmore Park Alternative is the alternative that best meets the needs of the project. The environmental analysis for the Whitmore Park Alternative is thorough and will apply appropriate mitigation that will avoid or minimize major environmental impacts compared to the other action alternatives.

Sincerely,

Todd Thorne
Director of Planning and Public Lands