

December 3, 2020

Joshua Wayland, PhD
Surface Transportation Board
c/o ICF
9300 Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22031
Attn: Environmental filing, Docket No. FD 36284

Re: Uinta Basin Railway Project; Request for Extension of Public Comment for Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Dr. Wayland:

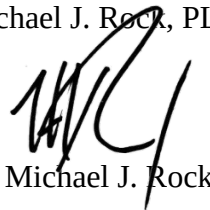
I write to you on behalf of the Uintah Valley Shoshone Tribe (also known as the Affiliated Ute Citizens) ("UVST"). The UVST is an Indian Tribe residing on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. The UVST respectfully requests a 60-day extension of the public comment period for the Surface Transportation Board's Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") for the Uinta Basin Railway.

The scale and scope of the railway project poses immense consequences for members of the UVST. Each proposed route will cross lands owned or worked by members of the UVST. The proposed routes will each potentially impact the air, water, wildlife, and lands directly impacting the UVST.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we request a 60-day extension to February 12, 2021 for the comment period of the DEIS so we may more fully address the potential environmental impact of the Uinta Basin Railway.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Rock, PLLC



Michael J. Rock

cc: UVST