
From: Wayland, Joshua
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:02 PM
To: Wendy Park
Subject: RE: EIS question
Attachments: ProjectFeatures_WhitmorePark_20200512.kmz; ProjectFeatures_IndianCanyon_20200512.kmz; ProjectFeatures_WellsDraw_20200519.kmz

Hi Wendy,

I hope you're doing well. To calculate the amount of affected habitat, we overlaid the rail line footprint (approximately the rail right-of-way) and the temporary footprint (the approximate construction easement) on mapped habitat. The tables in the Draft EIS do not disaggregate the acreage of crucial habitat from substantial habitat for big game species; both types of habitat would be affected. There is an interactive map on the project website at www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com that shows the rail line footprint and the temporary footprint—you can access it by clicking on the Project Map link on the left side of the home page.

Just in case it would be useful to you, I've attached several .kmz files showing the project design details, including the rail centerlines, rail line footprint, and temporary footprint for each alternative. Those files also show other project features, such as road crossings, tunnels, and bridges. All of this information is on the interactive map, but I thought you might want to have underlying GIS data.

I hope this helpful. Please just let me know if there is other information that would be helpful for you.

Best,
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Subject: EIS question

Hi Josh,

Thanks for your time today. Another question occurred to me – how does the EIS determine the amount of habitat that will be affected by the rail? Is it all habitat within a certain distance from the ROW? We would like to calculate the amount of crucial habitat that will be impacted, or could you provide this figure?

Thank you,

Wendy