
From: Wayland, Joshua
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:43 AM
To: Deeda Seed
Subject: RE: Question about UBR ROW on FS land

Hello Deeda,

Thank you for your question. I cannot comment on the status of the potential right-of-way on Forest Service land because that process is outside of the Surface Transportation Board's role in this proposed project. If the Board were authorize the proposed rail line, then the applicant (the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition) would be responsible for obtaining any necessary property or rights-of-way, as well as any necessary permits for crossing public lands, including Forest Service land (if the authorized alternative would cross Forest Service land). As discussed in the Draft EIS, the proposed rail line would also need to be in compliance with any applicable resource management plans on public lands. The Forest Service is one of the cooperating agencies for the Board's EIS, which means that the Forest Service intends to rely on the EIS to fulfill the Service's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act. The Forest Service may be able to provide you with more information about their right-of-way process.

Best,
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Hi there – we are wondering if you can tell us about the status of the ROW that's need for the proposed Uinta Basin Railway on Forrest Service land? Has an application been submitted yet? And what is the process, how will it be dealt with and when?

Thank you so much.
Deeda

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