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Josh,

Apparently there was a version error on the files that were uploaded. The correct revised maps, including the riparian layer, for the Whitmore Park Alternative and the Wells Draw Alternative are now in the STB folder.

Kevin

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Kevin,

We have finished our review of the finalized Biological Resources Technical Memorandum for the Uinta Basin Railway EIS. There is still one outstanding issue that requires attention. In our previous comments, we requested that the riparian habitat layer be included in the map sets in the appendices to the Tech Memo. In the final version of the Tech Memo, the map set corresponding the Indian Canyon Alternative does include the riparian habitat layer, but it is not included for the Whitmore Park Alternative or the Wells Draw Alternative. In order to have a complete record, we are requesting that the Coalition submit revised maps sets for the Whitmore Park Alternative and the Wells Draw Alternative. There is no need to resubmit the complete memo, just the two map appendices.

Thanks,
Josh

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Kevin,

OEA has a few additional comments on the revised Biological Resources Baseline Environment Technical Memorandum that the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition submitted.

1. Thank you for providing the GIS showing mapped riparian habitat, as we requested. For consistency, we are requesting that the riparian habitat be included in the maps sets in the appendices to the Tech Memo.
2. In Table 6-4 (and Table 5-3), please ensure that there is a clear statement for each Forest Service and BLM species indicating whether potentially suitable habitat was identified on Forest Service or BLM land. For example, Table 6-4 indicates that potentially suitable was identified for the Black swift, a BLM sensitive species, but does not state whether any of that potentially suitable habitat was on BLM land.
3. Table 5-3 states that the Green River Formation, which provides potentially suitable habitat for several species, is found in the study area, but not on BLM lands in the Indian Canyon or Whitmore Park study areas. Please clarify if the Green River Formation is found on BLM lands in the Wells Draw study area.
4. Please include the endangered Clay Phacelia (*Phacelia argillacea*) in Table 5-2.

We would like the Coalition to submit a final version of the Tech Memo that addresses these comments. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns about this request.

Best,
Josh

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Josh,

The Revised Biological Resources Baseline Technical Memorandum, Appendices, and GIS files are uploaded to the Shared UBRY-STB File sharepoint site.

The files are located under Documents\General\ **Revised** Biological Resources Baseline **01102020** folder.

There is one element in Appendix A that we have not been able to update the 11/22/19 alternatives – the Utah Natural Heritage Program Online Species Search Reports. This online database [wasn't working last week, but we'll upload that section of Appendix A as soon as the database is up.](#)

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