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Subject: RE: Uinta Basin Railway draft Biological Opinion for STB Review

Kathryn,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has asked that the following additional mitigation measure be added to the Biological Opinion:

MM-7. The Coalition shall share the results of all threatened and endangered species surveys with the USFWS, the State of Utah, and all action agencies except for surveys occurring on Ute Indian Tribal land. For data from surveys on Ute Indian Tribal land, the Coalition shall seek the permission of the Ute Indian Tribe before sharing the survey results with the USFWS, the State of Utah, and all action agencies.

Please let me know if you have concerns about this proposed measure.

Thanks,
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Kathryn,

As you requested, and consistent with the Endangered Species Act Section 7 regulations at 50 CFR § 402.14(g)(5), I am providing the attached copy of the draft Biological Opinion prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the proposed Uinta Basin Railway. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Best,
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Josh and Danielle,

As promised, attached is the draft biological opinion for the proposed Uinta Basin Railway for the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA). As we discussed, if the OEA can provide us comments by Monday morning, that would allow us to complete the opinion by the agreed upon timeframe of September 20.

Thank you for your patience in preparation of the biological opinion and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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