

The SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES

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Joshua Wayland, PhD
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Docket No. FD 36284
c/o 9300 Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22031

Dear Mr. Wayland:

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' Cultural Resources/ Heritage Tribal Office (HeTO) appreciates the opportunity to provide technical comments to the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition-Construction and Operation project in Carbon, Duchesne, and Uinta Counties, Utah.

Thank you for including the information and letter for the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition-Construction and Operation project in Utah. This proposed railroad project is within the Shoshone and Bannock tribe's historical use area. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes historical use area extends throughout the Western United States. However, this office is deferring project comments to the Ute Tribe of the Uinta and Ouray Reservation, Fort Duschene, Utah.

Should ground disturbing activity unearth subsurface cultural material, a stop work procedure must be implemented and notification to the proper authorities and the Ute Tribe. Work shall not continue until a qualified archaeologist authorizes, and in consultation with the Ute Tribe, a clearance for the project.

The purpose of this letter is to provide technical input and is not intended as formal government-to-government consultation. Should there be any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office at (208)236-1086 or e-mail me at csmith@sbtribes.com.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Smith
Cultural Resources Coordinator

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