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Subject: RE: UPRR Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) Preliminary Environmental Consultation

Hello Maggie,

Apologies for the delayed reply. The University has reviewed the consultation letter and has the following feedback. The proposed addition of the six miles of new rail is presumably being driven by proposed land uses adjacent to the new rail that would be served by such new infrastructure. The University would be interested in knowing what kinds of uses those might be and would be concerned if they potentially included heavy industrial or other such uses that might be incompatible with the ASU Polytechnic campus research and education mission. The University is planning a new research district on the south side of campus in proximity to where the new spur would originate from, as well existing research uses such as bee, lizard and other animal research habitats that could potentially be affected. The study area is also nearby to archaeologically sensitive areas that should also be taken into consideration. In short, while not specifically opposed to the proposed rail at this time, the University would like to better understand the proposed project and any potentially conflicting impacts to the adjacent neighborhood/community.

Thank you for the opportunity,
Patrick

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Subject: UPRR Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) Preliminary Environmental Consultation

Hello Mr. Panetta,

The Union Pacific Railroad Company intends to seek authority from the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to construct and operate six miles of new rail line in Maricopa County, Arizona. An initial agency consultation letter is attached that provides additional information about the project and requests your agency's input regarding the proposed rail line by January 10, 2022. This letter was also mailed to your office on December 9, 2021. Please let us know if you prefer to receive future correspondence by mail or electronically and the preferred point of contact for your agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Assenza, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis Project Manager, at (202) 245-0301 or Adam.Assenza@stb.gov. We greatly appreciate your assistance and look forward to your participation in the Board's environmental review process for this project.

Thank you,

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