



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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Office of Environmental Analysis

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By email at jrunyan@steptoe.com

**RE: Docket No. FD 36889, Nevada Gold Rail LLC - Construction and Operation
– Line of Railroad in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada; Information
Request No. 1**

Dear Mr. Runyan:

Consistent with 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(f), the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis requests the information below, which is needed to support the environmental review in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

Alternative Alignments and Baseline Studies

1. Provide geospatial boundary information (Ecological Side Descriptions, Vegetation & Wildlife Resources Buffer and Water Resources Buffer) for the two survey extents from the 2021 Baseline Study.
2. Provide geospatial boundary information for the extent of the area covered by the Barrick Bank Enabling Agreement (BEA). Also provide the location of any habitat restoration and/or protection activities to be conducted under either the BEA or the State of Nevada's Conservation Credit System in the vicinity of the proposed alignments.
3. Provide the 2021/2022 Work Plan approved by the Bureau of Land Management for biological baseline reporting, and any amendments if applicable.
4. Provide the following reports cited in the NGM Alternatives Analysis Report dated January 2026:
 - i. Air Sciences, 2022a. NEPA Air Quality Impact Analysis Report – Goldrush Mine. Air Sciences, Inc. February 2020, Revised October 2022.
 - ii. Air Sciences, 2022b. Technical Memorandum: Air Quality Analysis of the Nevada Gold Mines Ore Transportation Project. Air Sciences, Inc. April 18, 2022.

- iii. Terracon, 2022. Cortez Route-Alignment Alternatives. Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Report. Terracon Project No. 61225159. Prepared for RailPros. October 4, 2022.

Please provide your response as soon as possible and no later than March 24, 2026. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Adam Assenza of my staff at 202-245-0301 or by email at adam.assenza@stb.gov. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle Gosselin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Danielle" and last name "Gosselin" clearly distinguishable.

Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis