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Subject: Uinta Basin Railway--Alternatives Descriptions

Mark,

I have a request related to how we will be describing the three proposed routes in the Uinta Basin project in our forthcoming preliminary consultation letters and moving forward. In the Alternatives Evaluation report that was submitted to us last month, the routes are described beginning at the point of connection with an existing rail line and moving toward the terminus points in the Uinta Basin. For example, for the Indian Canyon Route:

“Starting at the UP Provo Subdivision main line near Kyune, Utah, this route heads easterly through Emma Park parallel to the Roan Cliffs. It then climbs the Roan Cliffs to a summit tunnel through the West Tavaputs Plateau near Indian Creek Pass on U.S. Highway 191. The summit tunnel emerges near the headwaters of Indian Creek. The route then descends northward in Indian Canyon to a location approximately two miles south of Duchesne. The route turns eastward and ascends onto benchlands to the south of the Duchesne River to reach the proposed termini in the Uinta Basin.”

It is OEA’s preference to describe these proposed routes beginning at the termini in the basin and moving out to the connections with existing rail lines. Thus, our description would begin “Starting at proposed termini in the Uinta Basin, this route descends from the benchlands south of the Duchesne River and turns westward...” or similar. We believe that this format will be more intuitive for our readers. Can you please provide me with descriptions of the three proposed routes that follows this format? Given the length of the routes, I thought it would be best if HDR were to provide this, rather than ICF or OEA, to ensure that the description is accurate. Please give me a call if you have questions about this request.

Best,
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