



RE: Six Counties rail project 
Jeffrey Irwin to: Stephanie Moulton

03/26/2015 04:44 PM

Good morning **Stephanie**,

Please feel free to give me a call any time that's convenient for you. You can usually reach me at 202-245-0299 between 9-5 on weekdays. I'll call you back if I miss your call.

Regarding the I-70 ramp project you mentioned, this is not part of our environmental review for the railroad project. There is likely some level of environmental review that would be handled by the Utah Department of Transportation. I think they are organized into regional offices and you are in Region 4. I recommend contacting someone there.

As for Malcolm's lack of awareness of the Old Spanish Trail, keep in mind that the trail wasn't identified in the archaeological surveys conducted back in 2005. I first became aware of it last year when talking to an archaeologist with the BLM. Since then I contacted your organization and the NPS. I think Malcolm may have seen reference to the trail in the latest draft Programmatic Agreement but it may not have made a big impression on him. In any case, this is why we're engaged in the consultation process, to make sure we capture all relevant perspectives and ensure that key resources are identified.

At this point we have no positive evidence of the trail in our project area, but the revised draft PA calls for some additional research to determine if any trail traces or sites are likely in the immediate vicinity of the future railroad right-of-way.

Please let me know if you have more questions.

Thanks,

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"Stephanie Moulton"

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03/22/2015 12:26:43 AM

From: "**Stephanie** Moulton" <fishlake@scintern.net>
 To: <Jeffrey.Irwin@stb.dot.gov>
 Date: 03/22/2015 12:26 AM
 Subject: RE: Six Counties rail project

Jeff,
 Sorry...I had my appointment crap out on me and then my sister needed me in town to help her then I left the mountain for Old Spanish Trail board meeting in Page. You should be getting the letter saying that I can sign for OSTA. Our President sent it at the beginning of the week. I'll try and call this Monday morning, if not a good time...how about Thursday?
Stephanie

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeffrey.Irwin@stb.dot.gov [mailto:Jeffrey.Irwin@stb.dot.gov]
 Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 1:22 PM
 To: **Stephanie** Moulton

Subject: RE: Six Counties rail project

Hi Stephanie,

Wondering if I missed your call the other day. Feel free to call me tomorrow or anytime next week.

Thanks,

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From: "Stephanie Moulton" <fishlake@scinternet.net>
To: <Jeffrey.Irwin@stb.dot.gov>
Date: 03/12/2015 09:06 AM
Subject: RE: Six Counties rail project

I should be around all day Monday. I have a gift salesperson coming at 10 a.m. and that will tie me up until noon. But otherwise...Monday is good.
Stephanie

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeffrey.Irwin@stb.dot.gov [mailto:Jeffrey.Irwin@stb.dot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 7:01 AM
To: Stephanie Moulton
Subject: Re: Six Counties rail project

Good morning Stephanie,

Thank you for getting back to me. I will watch for the letter from Ms. Hall. Regarding signatures, we're not quite ready to sign as I'm waiting on comments from a few other parties and the agreement will likely change in some minor ways. I've already edited some provisions, though these are generally administrative. I'll forward a final version to you soon.

In the meantime, if you would like to talk over the phone I can try to answer some of your questions. Unfortunately I am not familiar with the I-70 ramp but can certainly look into it. I'll need a day or two since the Project Manager for this project is out of the office and I'll need to consult with her on this issue. Is Monday a good day to connect via phone? I'm pretty flexible that day. If that doesn't work we can shoot for another day.

Thanks for your time and your input.

Best,

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From: "Stephanie Moulton" <fishlake@scinternet.net>
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Date: 03/10/2015 05:22 PM
Subject: Six Counties rail project

Jeff,
I have emailed Dennis Ditmanson our Association Manager to authorize me to sign this for the OSTA. He should have a letter to you from our Association president, Ashley Hall giving me that authority. As soon as we get those I'll get this signed. Upon review of the cultural resources, I would like to add concern over site 42SV2747 which I address below.

On Feb. 3rd, 2015 I had an impromptu meeting with Malcolm Nash concerning the rail project. I just asked him why the rail was crossing two State Highways (50 and 24) and the Sevier River in at least two places. I wondered if it wouldn't be better to have the rail turnaround before it crossed Hwy 50? That's when I learned that another part of this project is constructing an off/on ramp of I-70 at the Lost Creek drainage where a bridge currently crosses the drainage. Malcolm explained that this is to eliminate coal trucks through Salina and to provide a "convenient" on/off for the trucks and to move the current coal dump on the west side of town outside city limits. When I mentioned to Malcolm that this is right along the NPS designated Old Spanish Trail route, he said that our conversation was the first where the OST was even mentioned.

So my questions...

1. Is there a separate consultation process for the I-70 ramp project?
2. Will this also include data recovery in the Lost Creek drainage?
3. How concerned should I be that a member on the board of this project is not aware of historical relevance? (I'm not sure I'm conveying my concern correctly in that question.)
4. If there is positive proof of the OST going through this area, what are the options?

I appreciate your time in this matter. I think I would like to take you up on your offer for more background and explanation of compliance process. I tried to go online and couldn't make the link work BUT I will continue to try.

Thanks,
Stephanie Moulton