

Re: Uinta Basin Railway Project (Docket No. FD 36284)
Final Request for Section 106 Consulting Party Status

Dear Potential Section 106 Consulting Party:

As you are aware, the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition is requesting Surface Transportation Board (Board) approval to construct and operate a new rail line between the Uinta Basin in northeastern Utah and an existing rail line near Kyune, Utah that would transport crude oil, and potentially other mineral and agricultural products, to markets across the United States.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed rail line. Information about the EIS process, including maps of the alternatives that will be analyzed in the EIS, can be found on the Board-sponsored project website at <http://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com/>.

OEA has been reaching out to your organization along with all the other potential Section 106 consulting parties, to invite you to participate in the Section 106 process. We have been unsuccessful in confirming your interest in becoming a consulting party. We are having our initial Section 106 consulting party kick-off conference call on January 22, 2020 at 1pm MST (3pm EST) and are reaching out to you one final time to ask if you wish to be a consulting party and therefore be invited to participate in the kick-off conference call on January 22. Following the kick-off conference call, the Section 106 consulting party conference calls will occur on a monthly basis.

Please confirm your interest in participating as a Section 106 consulting party and attending the monthly coordination meetings. If OEA does not receive a response from you by Friday, January 10th, we will conclude that you are not interested in participating. You will, of course, be able to follow the project by checking the project website as noted above and are welcome to provide comments on the Draft EIS.

Feel free to contact me at 202-245-0367 or Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov at any time with questions.