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To: The Surface Transportation Board.

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The issue of the ridiculous fossil fuel harvesting rail line out south of Duchesne in the Uinta Basin is both intensely local AND global. The world is currently propelled by national and corporate interests who think they have the power to ignore and dismiss not only the rights of its Human constituency, but also the rights and livelihood of the planet at large; the Grizzly Bear, the deer, the porcupine, the sky, the dirt and the water to live their lives as nature intended, to breathe and to survive in eco-diversity. These corporate and national players would like us to think they are providing a service - a 'service' the community can no longer afford. No one likes being told that our behavior is a problem. It seems some of us are ripe with delusion. Thinking the status quo of the money-making marketplace is sacrosanct, that shredding healthy, stable and sustainable ecosystems we all need to survive, for monetary and business objectives, is delusional. One way or another our behavior has to change, or the inevitable consequences of our screwed-up sense of stewardship will force changes that we won't like at all.

We need to stop pouring money into projects that add to the massive fossil fuel infrastructure and focus on developing sustainable energy sources to counter the effects of the changing climate.

Thank you. Sincerely.

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