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This is from Michael B Dennis in regards to Docket No. FD 36284
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Thank you,

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Environmental Impact Statement

I am the administrator of the Bernell A. Dennis Family Trust. We've owned this property for 92 years. My Grandfather, father and uncle traveled by covered wagon each spring which took 3 days to travel from Provo to Argyle Canyon. This property has been in our family for 5 generations and has never been sold. We still have a cabin that was built in 1927 that is original to the homestead and still being used. (I have attached a picture in the email) The tunnel, from as much as I can tell, would come out at the valley in the area that is the absolute best part of our property. We can't tell for sure exactly where it is coming out though, because we have never been given any maps to show us. This part of the property is the most serene area on the property. We have Elk, Deer, Mountain Lions, Bobcats, Coyote, Beaver, Bear, Rock Chucks, Birds of Prey, Owls and many more wildlife in the area. The train noise and vibration will scare most, if not all, of the animals and cause them to leave. We have many trees that are well over 100 Years old.

If the cost of oil goes below \$50 a barrel, they won't be shipping the oil then. What will happen to the train tracks that are going through our property? When I worked in North Dakota in an oil field, when the oil dropped below \$50 they shipped everyone out of the area to Texas and stopped shipping. If that happens then we are stuck with this railroad that destroyed our valley and water. In all these years that there have been accidents on the highway, I have only seen 1 that was oil. I don't feel it will cut down on the accidents.

In addition, as of 7/2/2019 at 10:00am, we have 275,400 GPD of pure water which drains down into the cabin lots below where the train will most likely come out and that water would be lost. We are concerned that the construction of the tunnel and rail link would take our water and ruin the valley. And the exhaust fan, which would put all the exhaust out into the air, would kill all the vegetation as well as create a high pollution area that would ultimately go down the canyon to the many families that are down below. The noise from the semi-trucks can be heard from our property, so surely the noise from the trains whistle and the train itself will be heard by us and for many more property owners. Whatever water that isn't lost by the initial construction will be lost by the vibration of the trains themselves. The strata in this area is shale, not sandstone. If the shale is broken the water will follow the lease restriction. The families in the lower area have put their money and soul into their properties. Every one of these people bought their lots to get away from the noise and congestion, which will be devastated. This train will increase the risk of fire danger, which would put us all in danger. The cost to fight fires in the mountainous country will cost tax payers a ton of money.

There are other alternatives that would not affect as many people. Would any of you want to have a train on or near your property? I don't think so.

