

Wayland, Joshua

From: Jeff Comstock <jcomstock@moffatcounty.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Wayland, Joshua
Cc: Brian Barton
Subject: Moffat COunty Comments
Attachments: Surface Transportation Board Comment - Seven County Rail Project.pdf

Joshua,

Please accept the comments from Moffat County Colorado regarding the Uinta Basin Railway.
If you have any questions about Moffat County's letter, please contact me with questions.

As a side note: Have you considered whether you or a consultant will be able to attend our County Land Use Advisory Board meeting via phone call this Monday?

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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. FD 36284, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition- Construction and Operation Exemption- in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uinta Counties, Utah.

Joshua Wayland,

Moffat County appreciates the opportunity to comment on the preliminary rail proposal from the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition. Moffat County has a long history of participating as an active Cooperating Agency with federal planning projects, and we request the Surface Transportation Board invite Moffat County to participate in Docket No. FD 36284 as a Cooperating Agency as outlined in the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act. *See* 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq*; 40 C.F.R. §§1501.6; 1508.5.

Moffat County has a direct interest in the above mentioned project. The project will significantly impact our county and Moffat County can assist in evaluating those impacts. The proposed Craig Route crosses Moffat County roads ten times, and US Hwy 40, four times. It also crosses several conservation easements placed for wildlife protections, and crosses several private landowners properties. Moffat County's expertise and our planning jurisdiction will enhance project evaluation. In addition Moffat County Planning and Zoning department will be handling local permitting, such as Conditional Use Permits.

We have one draft KMZ file of the Craig Route, but not the other two routes. We also possess the Information Paper written February 20, 2019 which you provided me. However, we would need a more complete package of information and details to offer specific advice relating to the issues mentioned in the above paragraph. Thank you for early and up-front notification of the proposed rail project. Moffat County looks forward to participating as a Cooperating Agency throughout this project.

Respectfully,

Jeff Comstock, Director
Moffat County Natural Resources Department