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Please see the attached letter from the Moffat County Commissioners regarding your rail project.

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Mike McKee
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Today, the Moffat County Commissioners became aware of your September 4, 2019 letter to the Surface Transportation Board withdrawing the Craig Route from consideration of the Uinta Basin Railway EIS. We have had a longstanding working relationship with the 7 County Coalition over the years, and were deeply disappointed that we learned about the removal of this route through the rumor mill 21 days after a formal letter was written. The Surface Transportation Board and the 7 County Coalition had the responsibility to inform the Moffat County Commissioners directly of this major change in direction.

We have participated in every formal and informal opportunity to help progress this project, even though we knew all along that the Craig Route was a long-shot. We provided you valuable information about local knowledge to assist in the development of the EIS. The Moffat Commissioners stood beside you during public scoping meeting in Craig, when Utah landowners were chastizing the process, and we consistently defended the proposal in public forums, and public media. We assisted in garnering Associated Governments of NW Colorado support for the project. We continued to participate, despite blatant rejection of Cooperating Agency Status by the STB.

The STB and the 7 County Coalition owed us formal communication that the Craig Route was being withdrawn, and we are disappointed to learn of this change through the rumor mill.

Respectfully,

Don Cook, Chairman
Moffat County Commissioner

Ray Beck, District 2
Moffat County Commissioner

Donald Broom, District 3
Moffat County Commissioner