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Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Wayland, Joshua
Cc: Clarke, David (FHWA)
Subject: Docket No. FD 36284 Invitation to Section 106 Consultation
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Hello Joshua,

Our office received the attached letter inviting the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to consult on Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for STB's review of a proposed rail project and its alternatives in Utah and Colorado as described in the attached letter. For the alternative that may impact resources in Colorado, I will forward this letter to our Division Office for their information and action, as appropriate.

For Utah, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has assumed the FHWA's environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the NHPA, among other environmental laws. The UDOT is solely responsible for Section 106 consultation, with the exception of government-to-government consultation with tribes, for all highway projects and approvals in the State of Utah. The contact information for the Environmental Services Director at UDOT is listed below. I recommend reaching out to him to determine where you should send your letter inviting the UDOT to consult on Section 106 for the referenced project.

Brandon Weston, Environmental Services Director
brandonweston@utah.gov
(801) 965-4603 (office)
(801) 965-4564 (fax)

If you need contact information for direct communications with our FHWA Division Office in Colorado, please let me know.

Thank you.

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Office of Environmental Analysis

June 19, 2019

Emily C. Biondi
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Re: Docket No. FD 36284, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—Construction & Operation Exemption—in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, Utah; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

Dear Ms. Emily C. Biondi:

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) hereby invites you to participate as a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the Board's review of the proposed Uinta Basin Railway project.

The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) plans to request Board authority to construct and operate an approximately 80-mile rail line between two terminus points in the Uinta Basin near Myton, Utah, and Leland Bench, Utah, and the interstate rail network. The Coalition's proposed rail line would extend generally southwest from terminus points near Myton and Leland Bench to a connection with an existing rail line owned by Union Pacific Railway Company (UP) near Kyune, Utah. It would generally parallel U.S. Route 191 through Indian Canyon and would be located within Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties in Utah (Indian Canyon Route). The Coalition has also identified two potential alternatives to the Indian Canyon Route that the Coalition believes would be economically and technically feasible. One of those proposed alternatives would connect the terminus points near Myton and Leland Bench to the UP rail line near Kyune by following Wells Draw and Argyle Canyon, crossing Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties in Utah (Wells Draw Route). The other proposed alternative would extend eastward from the terminus points near Myton and Leland Bench to a connection with a UP rail line near Craig, Colorado, and would cross Uintah and Duchesne Counties in Utah as well as Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties in Colorado (Craig Route). More information is available on the project website at www.UintaBasinRailwayEIS.com.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis is conducting an environmental and historic preservation review of the proposed rail line construction project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and regulations, including Section 106, and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 800.

This letter has two purposes:

- First, to learn whether your organization is interested in participating as a Consulting Party. We have enclosed a Consultation Options Form (Attachment B) that we hope makes it easier for you to select the level of involvement that you are interested in. If

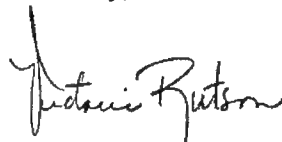
we do not hear back from you, we will assume that you do not want to participate as a Section 106 Consulting Party.

- Second, to provide an opportunity for you to submit comments on either historic properties and/or potential effects on historic properties that may be located in the area and that should be afforded close attention in the environmental analysis.

For your reference, Attachment A to this letter includes a map of the potential alternatives currently being considered. Additional information on this project is available on the Board's website at www.UintaBasinRailwayEIS.com. Attachment B is the Consultations Options Form discussed above.

Joshua Wayland of my staff will be leading the Section 106 consultation for the project. You may contact him at 202-245-0330 or at Joshua.Wayland@stb.gov.

Sincerely,



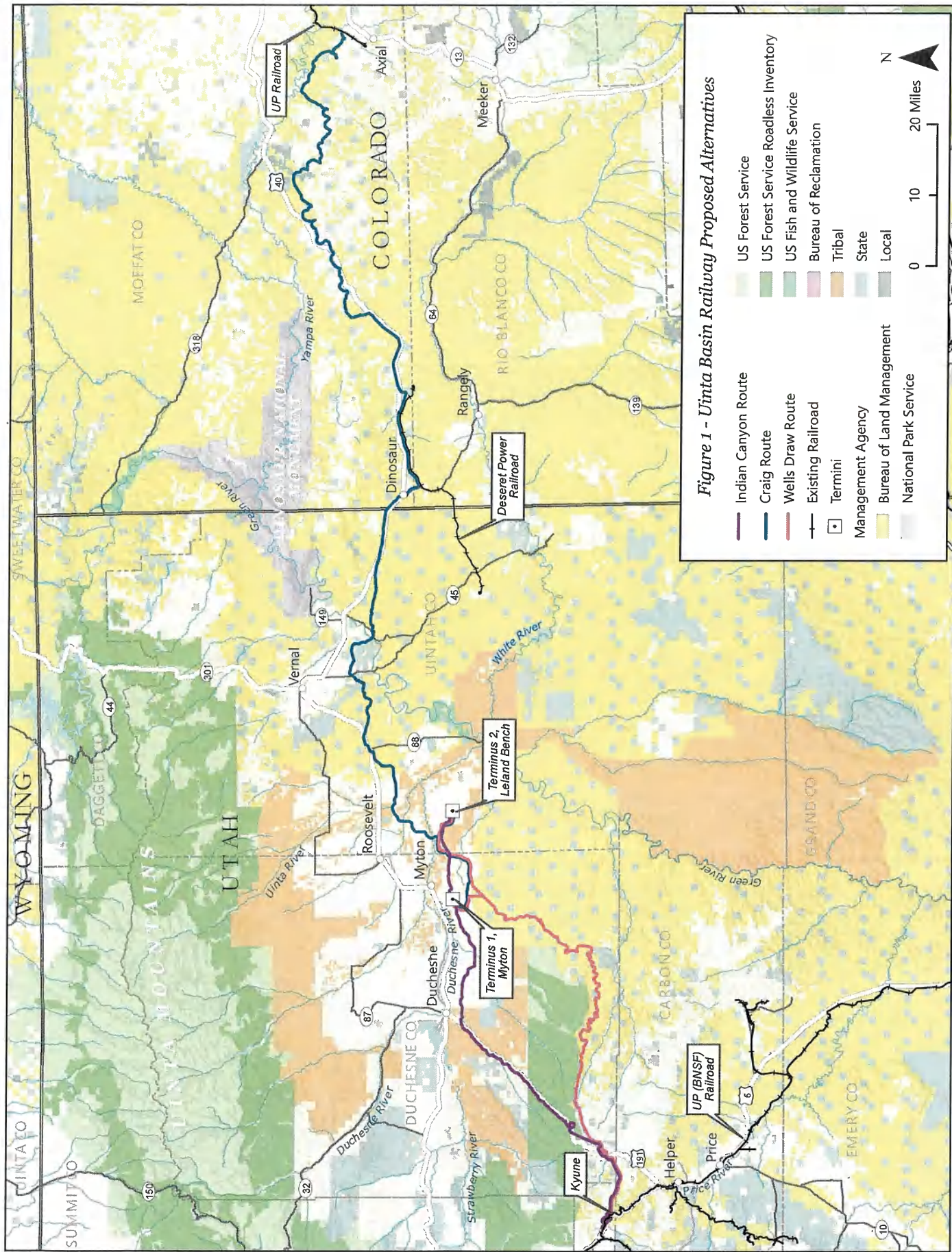
Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

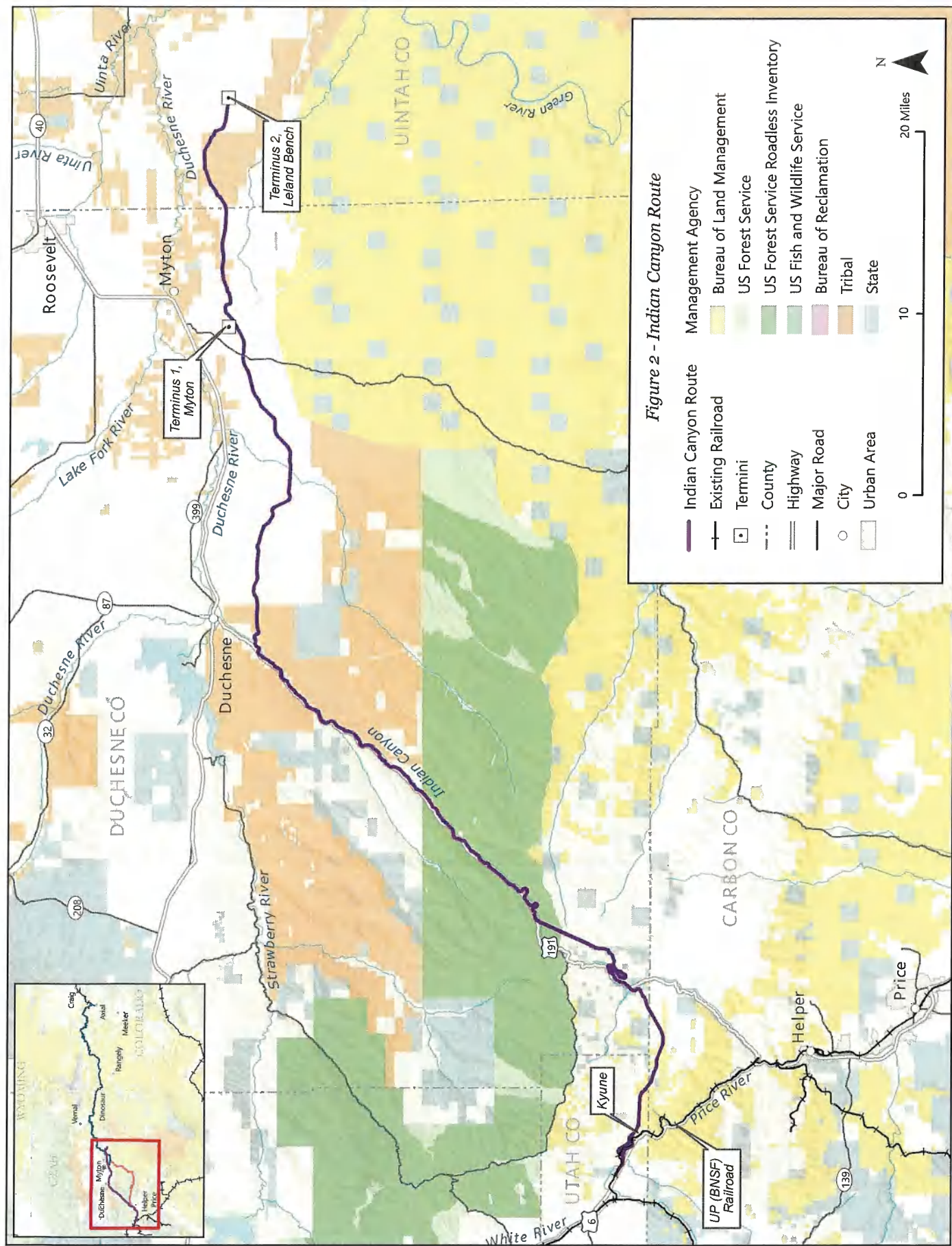
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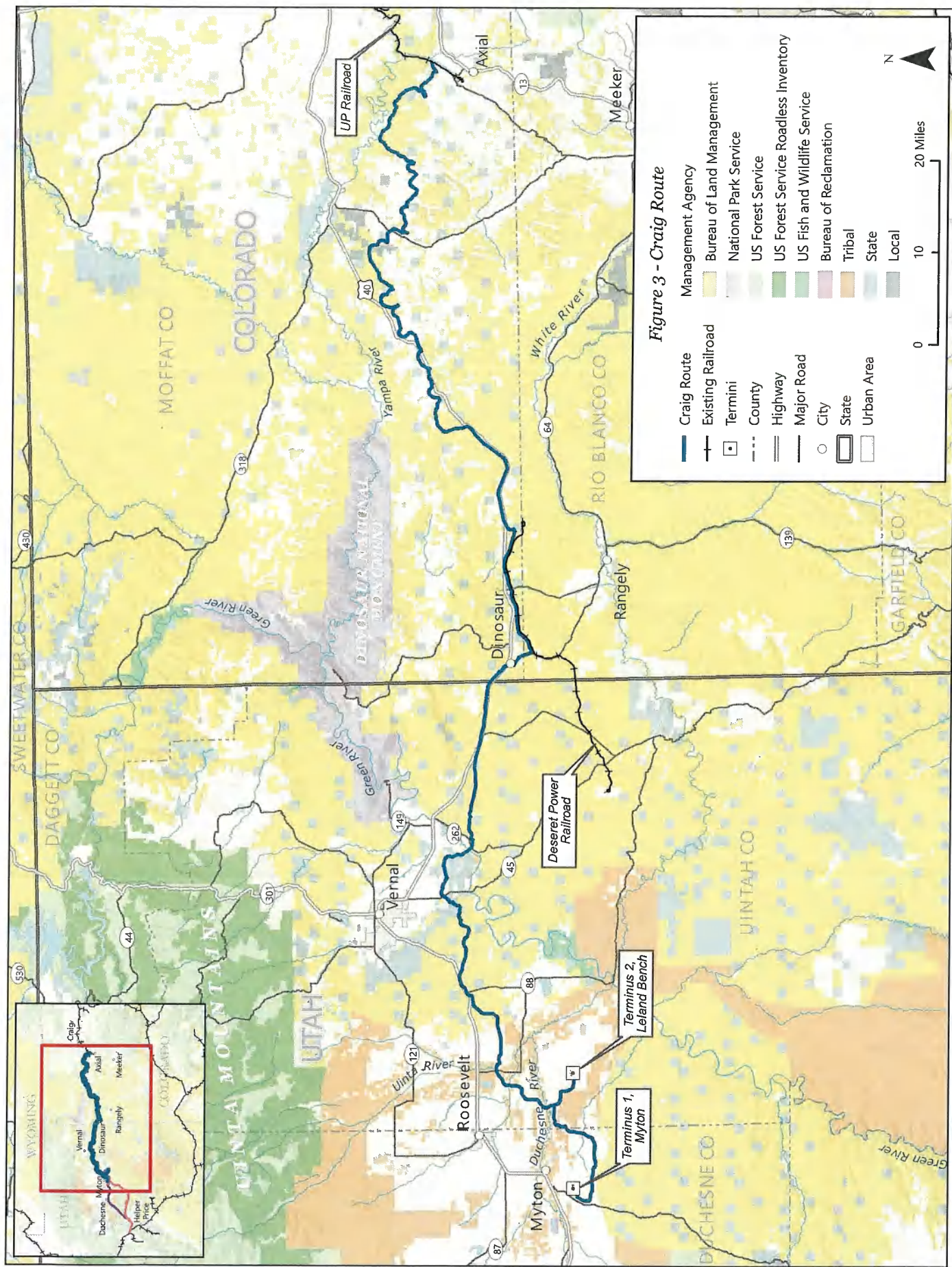
A: Maps of Potential Alternatives

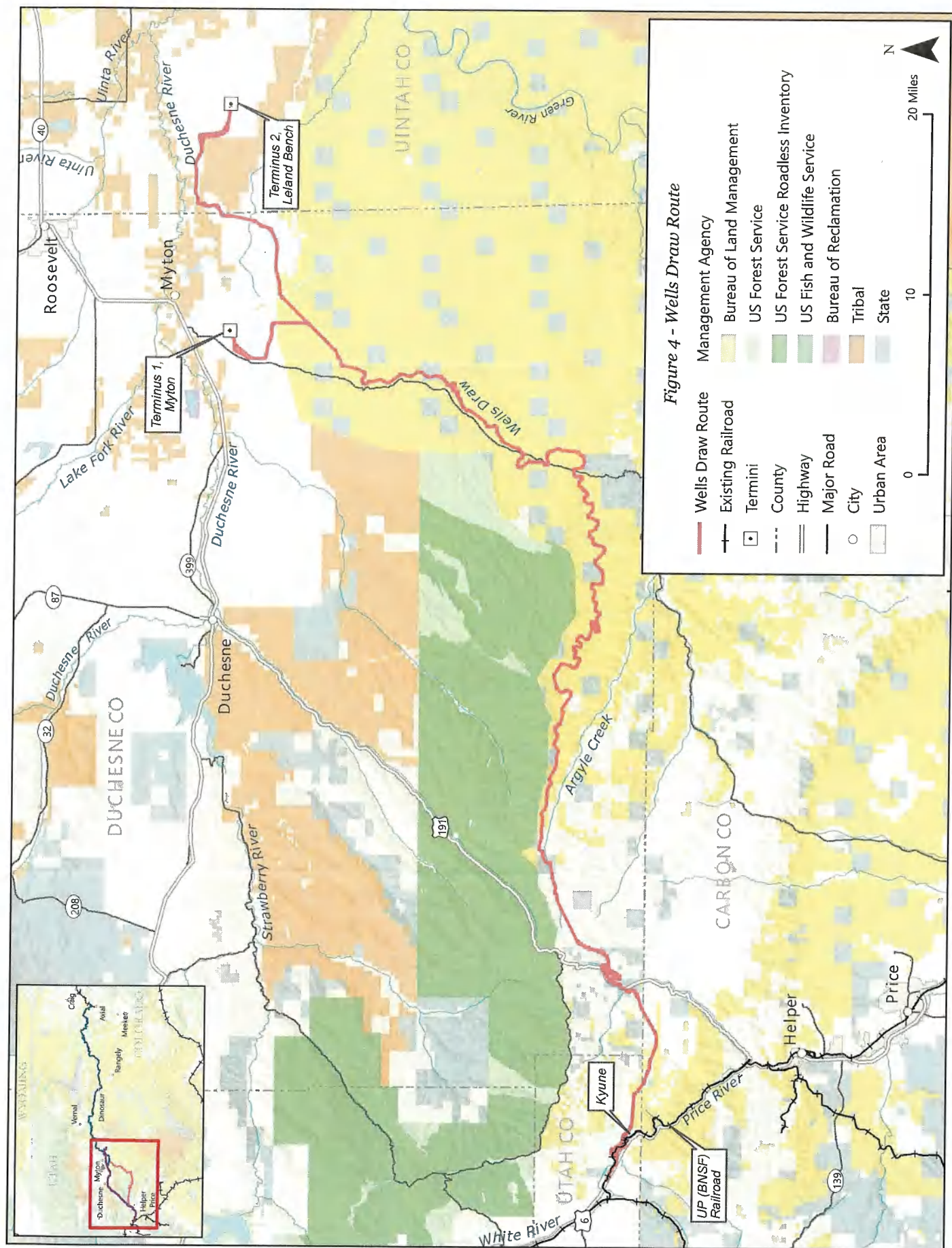
B: NHPA Section 106 Consultation Options Form

ATTACHMENT A: ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS MAPS









ATTACHMENT B: NHPA SECTION 106 CONSULTATION OPTIONS FORM

Federal Highway Administration

Surface Transportation Board Docket No. FD 36284, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—
Construction & Operation Exemption—in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, Utah

Project Name: Uinta Basin proposed rail line

Please check all the appropriate response(s) that apply from the list

_____ We have no interests associated with the Coalition's proposed rail line and further consultation with our organization is not required.

_____ We want to continue to receive project information by mail and participate in the public involvement process.

_____ We have an interest in the Coalition's proposed rail line and want to participate as a "Consulting Party" in the Section 106 of the NHPA process.

_____ We have included comments regarding potential historic properties in the project area and/or potential impacts to historic properties on the back of this form or on additional sheets.

Name of Federal Highway Administration designated contact for Section 106 Consultation for the Surface Transportation Board's decision on whether to allow the Coalition to construct and operate a new rail line in Utah:

Please print

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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