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Att:: Environmental filing, Docket No. FD 36284

Dear Fine Sir,

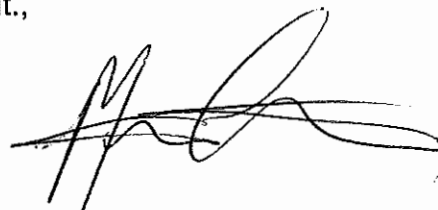
I appreciate your willingness to sincerely consider all of the options that have been identified by the 7 County Infrastructure Coalition I hope you will consider some of the data I am sharing regarding Duchesne County in your decision about the proposed Uinta Railway in Carbon and Duchesne County and say yes to the RAIL.

Duchesne County is proud to be a region rich in oil and gas and agriculture production. Our residents have learned to be very industrious and hard working. However, we find ourselves suffering from several social problems that simply cannot be overlooked. I believe these problems can be directly linked to the stress families go through is an up and down economy.

We have a very high addiction rate from both legal and illegal drugs. This keeps both our mental health organizations and law enforcement busy and pushed to the limit. I believe our number of domestic violence cases are higher per capita as well as the number of children that don't have two parents in the home.

Having ways to diversify our economy is critical to our overall health. The rail can make a difference that no other infrastructure can come close to.

Thanks for taking the time to read my input.,



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