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Surface Transportation Board
RE: Docket No. FD 36284

My name is Jean Mold and I strongly agree that there is a need to stabilize the economy of the Uintah Basin and to make our roadways safer. The Basin has contributed extensively to the successes of the State of Utah. The citizens of the Basin deserve better from our state leaders.

Too many people are struggling economically. Too many people are being severely injured, or worse yet, dying on our inadequate and overcrowded roadways.

The railway seems to be a reasonable solution. There may be other possible solutions, but I am not aware of them. I just know there needs to be an effective solution.

I have lived in the Uintah Basin for 28 years and enjoy the many opportunities it offers. Beautiful mountains, lakes and rivers, recreation, and way of life. I have worked closely with the energy industry throughout my professional career and appreciate its positive contributions to our economy and communities. I love the people of the Uintah Basin.

My concern with the Railway is the route being considered through the Argyle and Indian Canyons. We own property in Argyle Estates and have spent 24 years developing a beautiful retreat for our family. We have made many financial and labor intensive sacrifices over the years. It would be devastating to lose what we have worked so hard to build for ourselves, family, grandchildren, and future generations. Also, Argyle Estates is a gated community, the railway would take away that protection for our properties and the environment. Many other property owners in the Argyle community would be negatively affected as well.

Specifically, I am concerned about environmental impacts. I am concerned about fires with very limited escape routes. What will happen to the many water springs throughout the mountain. The water from these springs is the life-force of the mountain, animals, and the individuals that own properties in this area. What impact will a tunnel have on the surrounding area. What is the pollution impact on the air and environment.

I feel strongly that there must be a better route for this railway or a better solution to the real problems of a distressed economy and unsafe roadways for the traffic needs of the Uintah Basin.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns.

Sent from my iPhone