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Director Rutson, the Ute Indian Tribe's Chairman, Luke Duncan, has authorized the release of the attached correspondence.

Please thank staff for receiving the Vice-Chairman Mr. Small last week.

We look forward to continuing a collaborative relationship as the STB diligently works on the proposed Uinta Basin railway project.

Regards,

Devin Pehrson



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May 14, 2019

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
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Dear Ms. Rutson,

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA") that the Ute Indian Tribe has been supportive of the project by directing our Natural Resources, Cultural Rights & Protection, Energy & Minerals and Fish & Wildlife offices to evaluate the proposed alignments. These departments are still performing their review and assessing potential Tribal impacts. The Coalition's proposed Uinta Basin Railway presents a unique opportunity for the Tribe, and the Tribe has been working closely with the Coalition to advance the project.

The Tribe understands that your office will be conducting an environmental review of the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. We encourage OEA to move forward with the process as expeditiously and efficiently as possible.

We look forward to working with your office as you review this important project.

Sincerely,

Luke Duncan
Ute Indian Tribe, Chairman

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