

From: Frederick White <shamanuk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Wayland, Joshua; jaclynrn; Rich Varga
Subject: Re: Uinta Basin Railway EIS (re: Mini Ranches)

Dear Mr Wayland,

Thank you very much for your email. I literally got off the phone with Mike McKee minutes ago, who was able to go over with me both the Indian Canyon Alternative and the Whitmore Alternative. It looks like the Indian Canyon Alternative would run right down Colton road and as you note, might take 50+ feet of most of the properties along that road. In that case, I might have some questions for you regarding compensation for the properties impacted -- is compensation offered and how is the "value" determined? I would be happy to give you a call Thursday in the morning or afternoon to discuss some of these issues. Please let me know your availability.

Respectfully,
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From: Wayland, Joshua <Joshua.Wayland@stb.gov>
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Subject: Uinta Basin Railway EIS (re: Mini Ranches)

Mr. White,

I am following up on an email that you sent to the project email address for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that the Surface Transportation Board is currently preparing for the proposed Uinta Basin Railway. You had several questions about the Indian Canyon Alternative and how it could potentially affect a piece of property that you are considering purchasing. Based on the map of that alternative, it appears that the rail line would be located very close to the property at 20001 W Colton Road. The map on the website represents the centerline of the proposed rail line and should be quite accurate—please be aware, though, that the map does not show the extent of the rail right-of-way, which could extend outward from the centerline by 50 feet or more on either side.

Regarding the timing of the decision as to which, if any, alternative will be approved, I cannot give you much guidance, unfortunately. My office hopes to be able to issue the Draft EIS this coming summer. We will then have to gather public comments on the draft and prepare and issue a Final EIS. The final decision on the rail line proposal would only be issued after the Final EIS is published. In short, we are still many months from any decision that would select an alternative.

I am sure you will have some follow up questions for me. Please feel free to give me a call at the number below and I will be happy to talk with you more about the Board's environmental review process or other aspects of the proposed rail line.

Best regards,
Josh Wayland

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From: Frederick White <shamanuk@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Mini Ranches

Dear Mr. Wayland,

My wife and I are contemplating the purchase of a lot in the Mini Ranches development in Duchesne, Utah. As you are well aware, there is some anxiety regarding the Indian Canyon Alternative for the Uinta Basin Railway. As we have read, the Whitmore Park Alternative avoids this area. Using your map on the website: <http://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com/> it seems as though even the Indian Canyon Alternative runs to the South of 20001 W Colton Road. I am interested if you could answer a few questions as we are trying to do our due diligence on this potential purchase.

- 1) Is the line of the proposed Indian Canyon Alternative accurate or a best-guess estimation? On the map, there seems to be quite some distance between Colton Road and the line demarcating the railroad.
- 2) Is there a deadline for a final decision regarding the Indian Canyon or Whitmore Park Alternatives? We would avoid building on the lot until we were certain that a decision had been made.

Thank you in advance for any information that you might offer.

Respectfully,

Fred and Jaclyn White