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ATTN: Environmental Filing Docket No. FD 36284

Mr. Wayland,

The Daggett County Commission strongly supports the Uinta Basin Railway project. The railway will bring increased economic opportunity, jobs, and stable employment to our county. The railway will enable us to diversify our economy, strengthen our government services, and help keep our families together. The railway will connect various Uinta Basin industries to regional and national markets, which will lead to a boost in jobs and economic stability for our community. Not only will direct jobs from the railway and the shipper terminals be a boost to our local economy, but also indirect and induced jobs from the economic opportunities generated by the region's main industries of oil and gas, agriculture and livestock, and mining. This benefits our county through increased taxes and royalty payments that help us with much-needed investments for our shared infrastructure needs, such as roads, utilities and schools. The Daggett County Commission also asks the Surface Transportation Board to consider the need for additional transportation infrastructure and the safety benefits that come from the Uinta Basin Railway. All freight moving in and out of the Uinta Basin is currently limited to semi-trucks travelling along two-lane highways: U.S. Highway 191 and U.S. Highway 40. The safety of our constituents as they travel is significantly important to each of our elected officials and is a growing concern to our communities and constituents.

Delays on the two-lane highways in weather conditions that require extreme caution also mean longer travel times, additional safety concerns and mitigation to roadways that are a financial burden on counties and the State of Utah. The Uinta Basin Railway will alleviate highway congestion and our public costs of local roadway maintenance and capacity expansion.

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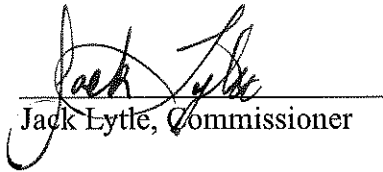
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The Daggett County Commission appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the Uinta Basin Railway project.

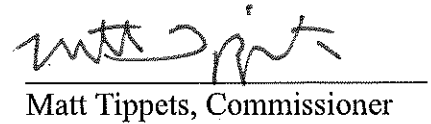
Sincerely,



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