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Mr. Joshua Wayland,

It was nice meeting you and seeing your attention to detail at the meeting in Salt Lake City on July 19, 2019.

We own property in Argyle Canyon and are concerned about the proposed railway running through and under this area. According to maps we have seen, the tunnel will run under or very nearly beneath our cabin. Consequently we have several questions and concerns we hope you will consider when analyzing this proposed.

- There is a naturally flowing spring from which many cabin owners and the wildlife (deer, squirrels, birds, and sometimes bears, etc.) get their water. How will the railway affect the spring and stream that runs through Argyle Canyon. What would happen if that spring should leak into the tunnel? Will our canyon then lack for water?
- There have been forest fires in Indian Canyon. Trains have been the cause of fires in other areas. How will this be prevented in the canyon. There are many dry, dead trees due to the beetles and in the summer, lots of dry grass and weeds.
- The ground is unstable in many areas. For example: the highway going up the canyon soon after the junction with Emma Park Road which seems to sink often and is being repaired frequently. We hope you will check on possible earthquake faults in the area.
- Other people have noted that there are pockets of gas through Indian Canyon. Running a railway through an area with possible gas pockets seems quite hazardous.
- If the tunnel does go through Argyle Canyon, what happens if the cabins and ground become unstable because of vibrations during construction and afterward when the trains go through? Who will compensate us for those repairs? There could possibly be several law suits in the future because of this.
- How will this railway affect our property values? We have been considering selling our property but now we can't until this proposal is settled.
- What about noise and air pollutions from the trains? It would be a shame to have the peace of nature in the canyon disrupted by train noise. And diesel trains do emit pollutions which affect all of us.
- We and many other people enjoy Argyle Canyon. It's so nice to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and enjoy peace, quite and fresh air in the mountains.

We sincerely hope you will **NOT** approve the Uinta Basin Railway through Indian and Argyle Canyons.

Thank you for your concerns for the environment and for us as property owners.

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