

RAILWAY PROTEST

July 18, 2019

As a landowner in Argyle Canyon and a member of the Argyle Wilderness Preservation Alliance, I STRONGLY PROTEST the construction of the Uinta Basin Railway through our beautiful mountain properties.

The proposed Well's Draw route would run directly across MY land destroying the peace and tranquility we now enjoy. The twenty years of financial investment, hard work and love that we have poured into our remote cabin site will forever be lost. The substantial property value we have built up on our "little piece of heaven" will become worthless.

Both the Well's Draw and Indian Canyon proposed railway routes will destroy the property values of *hundreds* of landowners like myself. These people have fostered deep connections to sons and daughters and grandchildren and many, many friends with the great times they have shared at their mountain properties. Even if the proposed railway does not run directly across our land, all of us will experience the noise, air and groundwater pollution, wildlife disruption and risk of catastrophic wildfires.

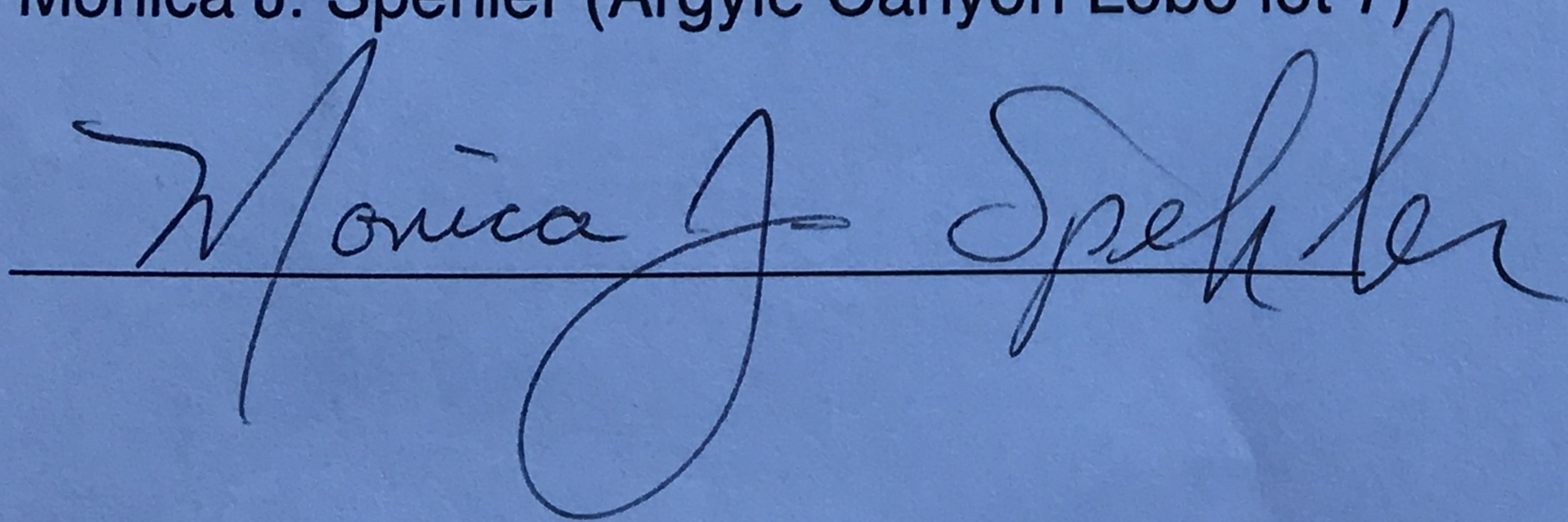
As a Utah taxpayer, I am dismayed at the \$27.9 million dollars in public funds which have already been dedicated to this railway project. \$1.2 BILLION is far too high a price to pay for such an unneeded and unwanted railway. Pollution in the Uinta Basin due to oil and gas extraction is already at dangerous levels. Quadrupling development in the region will have disastrous effects on public health and safety.

It is time to transition away from boom-and-bust fossil fuel economies, NOT pour more taxpayer money into this Uinta Basin Railway project.

As hundreds of private landowners who will be grievously impacted by this project, we stand together to preserve our land, our values, and our way of life.

BUILD THIS RAILWAY SOMEWHERE ELSE, or better yet, don't build it at all.

Monica J. Spehler (Argyle Canyon Lobo lot 7)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Monica J. Spehler", written over a horizontal line.