

Re: Uinta Basin Railway Project (Docket No. FD 36284)
Section 106 Consulting Party Monthly Conference Calls Beginning on January 22, 2020

Dear Section 106 Consulting Party:

As you are aware, the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition is requesting Surface Transportation Board (Board) approval to construct and operate a new rail line between the Uinta Basin in northeastern Utah and an existing rail line near Kyune, Utah that would transport crude oil, and potentially other mineral and agricultural products, to markets across the United States.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed rail line. Information about the EIS process, including maps of the alternatives that will be analyzed in the EIS, can be found on the Board-sponsored project website at <http://www.UintaBasinRailwayEIS.com/>.

OEA is also evaluating the potential effects of the proposed rail line on cultural resources under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Section 106 process includes defining the Area of Potential Effects; identifying resources that are listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places; assessing project effects to those properties; and developing measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects. You are receiving this email because you have indicated that you would like to participate in the Board's Section 106 process as a consulting party.

The Section 106 process is consultative, and your participation and input are essential. To help us consult with you effectively, OEA is initiating a monthly Section 106 consulting party conference call. During these monthly calls, OEA will present the current status of the cultural resource studies, review the progress of the Section 106 process, and solicit input from the participating consulting parties. We ask that if you have views to share that you participate actively during these calls. Once a topic has been added to the agenda, presented, and discussed during the conference call, that topic will be considered decided and we will move on to the next topic for discussion and decision.

The kick-off conference call will occur on January 22, 2020, at 1pm MST (3pm EST). Subsequent conference calls will occur monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 1pm MST. Please be aware that OEA will be distributing a meeting invitation with a call-in number and passcode in the next several days.

I look forward to talking with you at our upcoming Section 106 consulting party conference call on January 22nd, 2020. Feel free to contact me at 202-245-0367 or Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov at any time with questions.