



Uinta Basin Railway

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Historic Properties Technical Memorandum & Programmatic Agreement Workshop Uinta Basin Railway EIS December 9, 2020



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Status and Schedule Review
- Historic Properties Technical Memorandum review/discussion
- Programmatic Agreement review/discussion
- Next Steps



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Introductions

Lead Agency - 800.2 (a) (2)

- Surface Transportation Board

Other Federal Agencies – 800.2 (a)

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service, Ashley National Forest
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Council – 800.2 (b)

- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

State Historic Preservation Officer – 800.2 (c) (1)

- Utah Division of State History

Indian Tribes – 800.2 (c) (2) (i)

- Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation

Indian Tribes – 800.2 (c) (2) (ii)

- The Hopi Tribe of Arizona

Representatives of Local Governments – 800.2 (c) (3)

- Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office
- Utah Department of Transportation
- Uintah County
- Duchesne County
- Carbon County
- State Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Applicant for Federal permit – 800.2 (c) (4)

- Seven County Infrastructure Coalition

Additional Consulting Parties 800.2. (c) (5)

- Nine Mile Canyon Coalition
- Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance
- Utah Rock Art Research Association



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Status & Schedule Review

➤ Environmental Impact Statement

- ☐ Draft available for review starting October 30, 2020
- ☐ Public meetings held weeks of November 16 & 30
- ☐ Comment period closes Thursday, January 28, 2021



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Status & Schedule Review

➤ **Historic Properties Technical Memorandum**

- ☐ Distributed for review October 23, 2020
- ☐ 30-day comment period closed November 23, 2020

➤ **Programmatic Agreement**

- ☐ Revised version included in Draft EIS
- ☐ Additional consultation during Draft EIS comment period



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Technical Memorandum

➤ Consultation

- ☐ Identified wide range of potential consulting parties
- ☐ Initiated consultation with formal letters
- ☐ Followed up to determine interest in participating
- ☐ Consulted individually during in-person and telephone meetings
- ☐ Conducted group consultation meetings
- ☐ Details provided in technical memorandum



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Technical Memorandum

➤ Section 106 Compliance Approach

☐ Phased Identification

- Three alternatives
- Corridors \approx 81, 88, & 103 miles long

☐ Phase 1

- Prior to Board authorization
- Establish “likely presence” of historic properties
- Develop Programmatic Agreement

☐ Phase 2

- After Board authorization
- Carry out terms of Programmatic Agreement
- Finalize determinations of eligibility, assess effects, resolve adverse effects



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Technical Memorandum

➤ Coalition Historic Properties Technical Studies

- ☐ OEA reviewed methodology
- ☐ Coalition reviewed previous reports and evaluations
- ☐ Coalition conducted field investigation for archaeology and historic architecture
- ☐ Coalition developed context
- ☐ Coalition made National Register eligibility recommendations
- ☐ OEA reviewed technical reports and conclusions



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Technical Memorandum

➤ OEA Analysis

- ☐ Developed Area of Potential Effects
- ☐ Reviewed Coalition field results and recommendations
- ☐ Summarized context
- ☐ Developed ethnographic overview
- ☐ Documented eligibility determinations
- ☐ Preliminarily analyzed effects
- ☐ Consulted with land managing agencies
- ☐ Requested consulting party review/comment
- ☐ Requested SHPO concurrence
- ☐ Developed draft PA



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Technical Memorandum

- **Received preliminary SHPO concurrence**
- **Comments Received**
 - ☐ Terminology
 - ☐ Alternative address for a tribe
 - ☐ Property owner/land management agency
 - ☐ Review of findings with land management agencies
 - ☐ Inventory forms / trinomials
 - ☐ Architectural styles
 - ☐ Treatment of linear features
- **Update pending**



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Programmatic Agreement

- Revised draft attached as an appendix to DEIS
- Included updates based on comments from consulting parties
 - ☐ Status changes
 - ☐ Tiering of reviews
 - ☐ Review periods
 - ☐ Area of Potential Effects
 - ☐ Human remains
 - ☐ Agency responsibilities
- No additional comments received to date
- Additional comments invited until January 28, 2021



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Next Steps

- Review questions and comments from this meeting
- Prepare and post PowerPoint & meeting summary
- Invite comments on DEIS and PA through January 28, 2021
- Circulate PA for signature February 2021



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