



# Uinta Basin Railway

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Section 106 Consulting Party Teleconference 11

Uinta Basin Railway EIS  
April 28, 2021



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### Agenda

- Introductions and Project Updates
- Status and Schedule Review
- Historic Properties Technical Memorandum
- Executed Programmatic Agreement
- 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

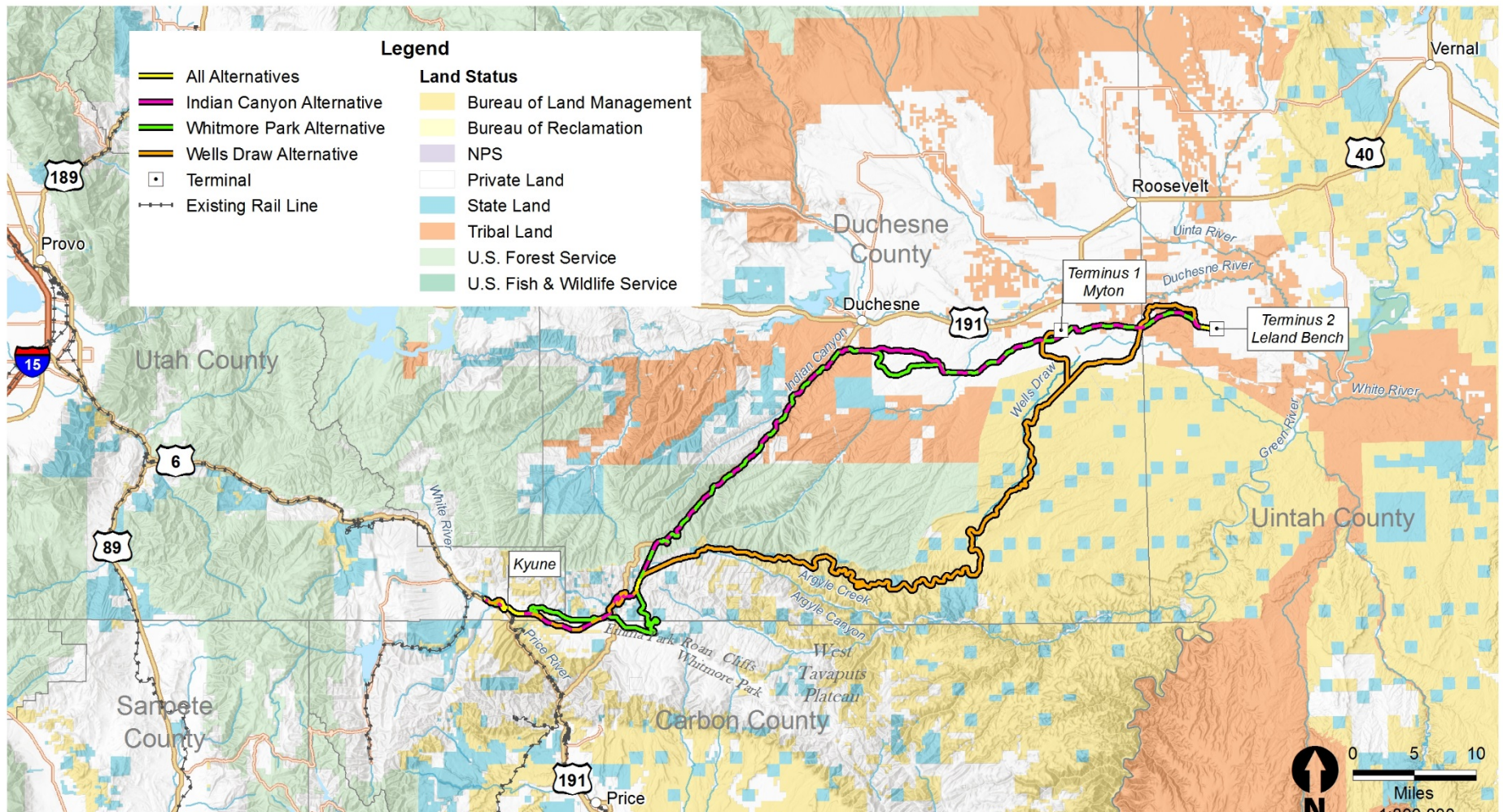
#### **Additional Consulting Parties 800.2. (c) (5)**

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



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### Status & Schedule Review

➤ **Environmental Impact Statement**

- Comment period closed on Friday, February 12, 2021
- Final EIS and comment responses in progress**

➤ **Programmatic Agreement**

- Final fully executed Programmatic Agreement distributed on Thursday, March 25, 2021

➤ **Historic Properties Technical Memorandum**

- Currently being revised
- Final Technical Memorandum will be included in Final EIS



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### Technical Memorandum

- **Overview of comments and changes**
  - Added landowner/manager to each historic property summary
  - Added trinomials provided by SWCA
  - Added SHPO concurrence details
  - Added footnote regarding demolition of an ineligible mobile home and eligible ranger station



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### Technical Memorandum

#### ➤ Overview of comments and changes, continued

- Added consultation details including attendance at meetings and comments regarding memo after memo released
- Corrected minor errors, omissions, and typographical errors



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### Programmatic Agreement Reports

- For review and comment by all consulting parties
  - Visual and Hydrological Analyses
  - Research and Survey Plan
  - Archaeological Technical Report
  - Historic Architectural Technical Report
  - Historic Properties Treatment Plan
  - Construction Personnel Curriculum and Job Aids
  
- For review by all consulting parties
  - Programmatic Agreement Annual Reports





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### PA Implementation Look Ahead

- Coalition preparing Tribal Consultation Plan
- OEA completing Final EIS; Board to consider with entire environmental record
- Board Decision to authorize, deny, or authorize with conditions the Coalition's petition
- OEA notification to Consulting Parties of Board Decision
- If petition authorized, changes to status of PA parties as needed based on authorized alternative(s)
- Coalition to perform visual and hydrological analyses required by PA



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### Next Steps

- Review questions and comments from this meeting
- Prepare and post PowerPoint & meeting summary
- Include Final Historic Properties Technical Memorandum in Final EIS
- OEA will notify Consulting Parties when the Board makes a final Decision to authorize, deny, or authorize with conditions the Coalition's petition



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