



**Surface Transportation Board
Uinta Basin Railway Environmental Impact Statement
Section 106 Consulting Parties Programmatic Agreement Workshop #2
Teleconference Notes
September 9, 2020**

Meeting Participants

Surface Transportation Board (STB), Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) – Alan Tabachnick, Joshua Wayland
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) – Erin Hess
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Rene Arce, Roger Bankert, Bill Reitze
U.S. Forest Service (USFS) – Jeff Rust
Utah State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) – Savanna Agardy, Chris Merritt
Utah Public Land Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) – Kris Carambeles
Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) – Joel Boomgarden
Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) – Liz Robinson
Duchesne County – Greg Todd
Uintah County – Matt Cazier, Ross Watkins
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) – Mike McKee
HDR – Andrea Clayton, Cat Dobbs, Kevin Keller
Jones and DeMille – Brian Barton
Venable – Maggie Fawal, Kathryn Floyd
SWCA – Kelly Beck, Anne Oliver
VHB – Erin Murphy, Alan Summerville
Nine Mile Canyon Coalition – Dennis Willis
Utah Rock Art Research Association – Troy Scotter
ICF – Randall Coleman, Colleen Davis, Debi Rogers, Mikenna Wolff

Introductions and Programmatic Agreement (PA) Reminders

- Alan Tabachnick reminded the group about the timeline for PA review. Written comments are requested by September 21, 2020. Consulting Parties will have another chance to submit comments during the Draft EIS comment period.

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- Recitations
 - Utah SHPO feels that the WHEREAS clauses are a little excessive and suggested some of them be combined for efficiency. Utah SHPO also noted that some of the clauses are more relevant to NEPA or NAGPRA; these can be

thinned out, so the PA focuses solely on Section 106. Alan Tabachnick requested that the Utah SHPO provide written comments indicating which specific clauses would be able to be combined.

- Josh Wayland asked for feedback from any agencies that have a role in permitting or facilitating field surveys. It is important to make sure these roles are documented accurately in the PA.
 - The Corps noted that they have specific language they would like to see included and they will submit this language via written comments.
- Consultation
 - Consulting parties did not have any feedback on the Consultation sections at this time.
- Identification & Evaluation
 - Consulting parties did not have any feedback on the Identification & Evaluation sections at this time.
- Assessment of Effects
 - Consulting parties did not have any feedback on the Assessment of Effects sections at this time.
- Documentation
 - Consulting parties did not have any feedback on the Documentation sections at this time.
- Resolving Adverse Effects
 - Consulting parties did not have any feedback on the Resolving Adverse Effects sections at this time.
- Construction Training
 - Consulting parties did not have any feedback on the Construction Training sections at this time.
- Standard Provisions
 - Utah SHPO suggested including a Human Remains Discovery Protocol, especially for human remains on State lands not subject to NAGPRA. Alan Tabachnick agreed that this should be included. PLPCO noted that language can likely be pulled from a BLM/Utah example PA.
- Appendices
 - Consulting parties did not have any feedback on the Appendices at this time.

Next Steps

- Consulting Party Actions
 - Submit written comments on the PA to Alan Tabachnick by September 21, 2020. If Consulting Parties do not have any comments to submit, email Alan Tabachnick to let him know.