



**Surface Transportation Board
Uinta Basin Railway Environmental Impact Statement
Section 106 Consulting Parties Teleconference Notes
September 23, 2020**

Meeting Participants

Surface Transportation Board (STB), Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) – Alan Tabachnick, Joshua Wayland
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) – Garry Cantley, Chris Secakuku
U.S. Forest Service (USFS) – Jeffrey Rust
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Nicole Lohman
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) – Erin Hess
Utah State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) – Savanna Agardy
Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana – Michael Black Wolf
Utah Public Land Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) – Kris Carambelas
Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) – Liz Robinson
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition)
 HDR – Andrea Clayton, Kevin Keller
 Jones and DeMille – Brian Barton, Melissa Cano
 Venable – Maggie Fawal, Kathryn Floyd
 SWCA – Kelly Beck, Anne Oliver
 VHB – Alan Summerville
Nine Mile Canyon Coalition – Dennis Willis
ICF – Randall Coleman, Colleen Davis, Debi Rogers, Mikenna Wolff

Introductions, Background, and Project Updates

- There have been no changes to the list of Consulting Parties and no changes to the project design since our last meeting.

Status and Schedule Review

- The Draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) comment period closed on Monday, September 21. OEA is now making revisions to the PA and may reach out to individual commenters as necessary. The revised PA will be included in the Draft EIS which will be issued at the end of October.
 - Jeff Rust asked whether the land management agencies can review the revised PA before it is published in the Draft EIS. Alan agreed to share the revised document with land management agencies once it is ready.

- OEA has been preparing the Technical Memo over the last few months and it will be distributed for Consulting Party review in October.

Technical Memo Review

- Colleen reviewed the overall structure of OEA's Technical Memo. In general, there are two categories of analysis for eligible properties. The first are a group of properties that OEA is making an eligibility determination for and that will be submitted to SHPO for concurrence. The second is a group of properties that OEA will treat as eligible but will not be submitted to SHPO for concurrence. These properties are all potential historic district contributors.
 - OEA has identified a potential Uinta Basin rural historic district, a potential Indian Canyon Road linear historic district, and a potential Emma Park Road linear historic district.
 - Jeff Rust agrees with OEA's decision to treat the potential historic district contributors as eligible at the stage.
- Dennis Willis asked whether the Technical Memo will include information as to which alternatives each resource is associated with. Alan reviewed a sample resource summary from the Technical Memo. It includes information on the relevant alternatives as well as information about regarding the resource's location in relation to the project footprint and potential effects.
- OEA is also making determinations for resources that are not eligible, and those will be submitted to SHPO for concurrence.
- OEA's Technical Memo will include a number of attachments covering topics such as consultation, a mapbook of the APE, an ethnographic overview, and detailed mapbooks for each potential historic district.
- Jeff Rust asked whether the Technical Memo will be going out with the Draft EIS. Alan clarified that it will be distributed to Consulting Parties prior to the Draft EIS being issued, but it will also be attached as an appendix to the Draft EIS.

Other Topics

- The Nine Mile Canyon Coalition is concerned about indirect impacts to cultural resources in Nine Mile Canyon from downstream impacts from changing drainage patterns. They suggested OEA include this in the PA. OEA will review the PA as they are making revisions and ensure this issue is adequately covered.

Next Steps

- OEA Actions
 - Alan Tabachnick will review PA comments with land management agencies to ensure their comments have been addressed.
 - OEA will distribute the Technical Memo to Consulting Parties in October.
 - OEA will review the PA as they are making revisions and ensure that downstream impacts from changing drainage patterns are adequately covered.