



**Surface Transportation Board
Uinta Basin Railway Environmental Impact Statement
Section 106 Consulting Parties – Historic Properties Technical Memorandum and
Programmatic Agreement Workshop
Teleconference Notes
December 9, 2020**

Meeting Participants

Surface Transportation Board (STB), Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) – Alan Tabachnick, Joshua Wayland
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) – Chris Secakuku
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Rene Arce, Nicole Lohman, Bill Reitze
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) – Erin Hess
Utah State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) – Savanna Agardy, Chris Merritt
Utah Public Land Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) – Kris Carambelas
Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) – Liz Robinson
Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) – Joel Boomgarden
Duchesne County – Greg Todd
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition)
HDR – Andrea Clayton, Cat Dobbs
Venable – Maggie Fawal
SWCA – Anne Oliver
VHB – Erin Murphy
ICF – Randall Coleman, Colleen Davis, Mikenna Wolff

Status and Schedule Review

- The public comment period on the Draft EIS was extended to January 28, 2021. OEA announced this 45-day extension of the comment period earlier this morning and is doing public noticing to ensure that the public is made aware of this change.
- The Programmatic Agreement (PA) is included in the Draft EIS and will also be available for public comment through January 28, 2021.

Historic Properties Technical Memorandum review/discussion

- OEA has submitted the Historic Properties Technical Memorandum to the Utah SHPO's office and received preliminary SHPO concurrence.
- OEA received some specific comments regarding architectural style terminology, treatment of linear features, inclusion of property owner/land manager, and other

topics. OEA intends to address comments and distribute a final version of the Technical Memorandum.

- Alan Tabachnick asked for any comments or discussion points from Consulting Parties. Consulting Parties did not provide any verbal comments or questions on the Historic Properties Technical Memorandum.

Programmatic Agreement review/discussion

- A revised draft of the PA was included in the Draft EIS. This revised version included updates based on the first round of comments received from Consulting Parties.
- As discussed at the previous consulting party meeting, changes to the PA included a tiering of review periods, clarifications about the APE, and new language surrounding agency responsibilities.
- No additional comments on the PA have been received to date.
- Consulting Parties did not provide any verbal comments or questions on the PA during the meeting.
- OEA is aware of the current challenges from the pandemic and can discuss any comments individually with Consulting Parties if that is a better approach for the organization.

Next Steps

- OEA Actions
 - OEA will continue to incorporate and address comments received throughout the public comment period.
 - OEA plans to circulate the PA for signatures in February 2021.