



**Surface Transportation Board
Uinta Basin Railway Environmental Impact Statement
Section 106 Consulting Parties Teleconference Notes
April 28, 2021**

Meeting Participants

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Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) – Garry Cantley

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Rene Arce, Nicole Lohman

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Utah Public Land Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) – Kris Carambelas

Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) – Liz Robinson

Duchesne County – Greg Todd

Uintah County – Matt Cazier

Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) – Mike McKee

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Venable – Maggie Fawal

SWCA – Anne Oliver

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Status and Schedule Review

- The Draft EIS public comment period is now closed. OEA is in the process of preparing the Final EIS and responding to all public comments.
- OEA anticipates issuing the Final EIS in August 2021.
- The Programmatic Agreement (PA) was executed on March 25, 2021. If anyone did not receive a copy of the executed PA, please reach out to Alan Tabachnick.
- OEA is in the process of finalizing the Historic Properties Technical Memorandum. The final Tech Memo will be included in the Final EIS.

Historic Properties Technical Memorandum

- OEA has been revising the Historic Properties Technical Memorandum in response to Consulting Party comments. Updates to the Tech Memo include:
 - Addition of landowners,
 - Addition of trinomials,

- Details on the Utah SHPO concurrence
- Further details on OEA's consultation efforts, and
- Minor edits and grammatical revisions.

Executed Programmatic Agreement

- With the execution of the PA in March 2021, OEA is now in the PA implementation stage. During PA implementation, there will be a number of consultation points and requests for Consulting Party review/comment. Annual reports will be produced and provided for all Consulting Parties to review.
- The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition is currently preparing a Tribal Consultation Plan in accordance with the PA.
- Other portions of the PA cannot move forward until the Board authorizes a particular alternative, if any. OEA will make changes to the status of PA parties as needed at this time of the Board's Decision.
 - The timing of the Board's Decision is not known. The Board will vote to authorize, deny, or authorize with conditions a particular alternative after the Final EIS is issued and the Board has reviewed the entire environmental record.
- The next items anticipated will be the Coalition's visual and hydrological analyses as required by the PA.
- Consulting Parties will likely not need to meet for the next few months until the Final EIS is issued.
- OEA appreciates everyone's participation to date and looks forward to continued consultation during PA implementation.

Next Steps

- OEA will notify Consulting Parties when the Board makes its final Decision to authorize, deny, or authorize with conditions the Coalition's petition.