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COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE UINTA BASIN RAILWAY IN CARBON, DUCHESNE, UINTAH, AND UTAH COUNTIES, UTAH

****Updated January 28, 2021:** The Office of Environmental Analysis has extended the public comment period 15 days. Comments are now due by February 12, 2021. To view the extension notice, click [here](#).**

****Updated December 9, 2020:** The Office of Environmental Analysis has extended the public comment period 45 days following extension requests from a number of parties. Comments are now due by January 28, 2021.**

On October 30, 2020, the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in Docket No. FD 36284 for the proposed Uinta Basin Railway in Carbon, Duchesne, Uintah, and Utah Counties, Utah.

The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) is seeking Board authority to construct and operate the proposed rail line, which would extend approximately 85 miles from two terminus points in the Uinta Basin near South Myton Bench and Leland Bench to an existing Union Pacific Railroad Company rail line near Kyune, Utah. The Draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the Coalition's proposal, recommends the Whitmore Park Alternative as the environmentally preferred alternative, and sets forth the preliminary recommended mitigation measures. The Draft EIS also provides instructions on how to register for online public meetings, during which interested parties may submit oral comments on the Draft EIS.

Written comments are due by December 14, 2020. To view the Draft EIS, click [here](#).

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