

### WHY BUILD A RAILWAY?

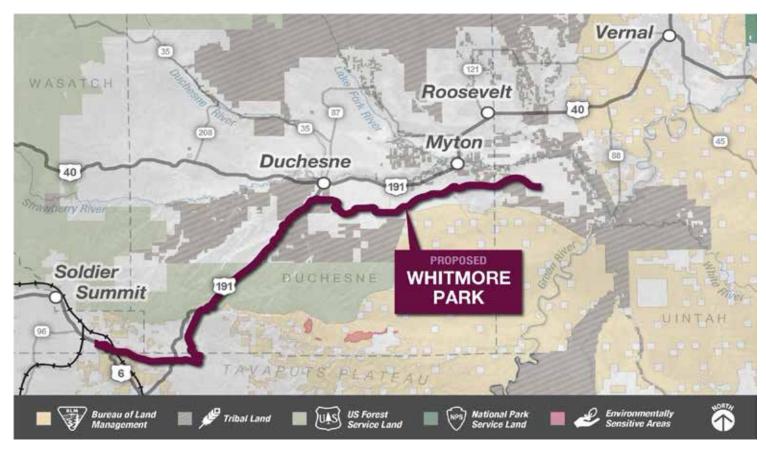
The Uinta Basin Railway provides new transportation infrastructure that will solve the long-standing freight transportation challenges in the region by connecting to the national railway network. Through a public-private partnership between the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition, DHIP Group, and the Ute Indian Tribe of Uintah and Ouray, the railway will provide a safe and cost-effective solution to transport goods, enable economic stability, sustainable communities and an enriched quality of life.

# PROJECT SCHEDULE



### ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS & ROUTE SELECTION

The U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB) and its Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) evaluated the transportation merits of the project and prepared a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). After several years and evaluation of many alternative routes, the STB granted final approval for the construction and operation of the Whitmore Park alternative, wholly within the state of Utah, subject to the OEA's final recommended environmental mitigation measures. The Whitmore Park route extends approximately 85 miles through the Uinta Basin.



This information is prepared by the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition, the proponent of the Uinta Basin Railway. This information is independent of the Surface Transportation Board public process.



### FUNDING SOURCES

The project is being funded through a public-private partnership. The public funds authorized for use on the Uinta Basin Railway come from mineral lease fees. Oil and gas are minerals for which producers pay a fee to the federal government as part of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920. The government returns part of those funds back to the state to be used within communities where the minerals are extracted. The Utah Permanent Community

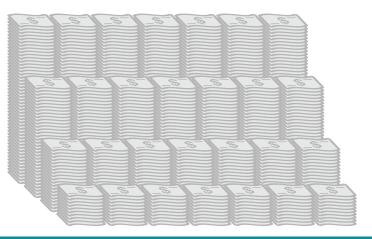
Impact Fund Board allocated these funds to the Coalition for use in the planning and environmental study of the railway.



**PUBLIC FUNDING** 

Private partners will finance the construction, operation, and maintenance of the railway through contracts and service fees.





#### **PRIVATE FUNDING**

# PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR CREATIVE PROJECT DELIVERY

A public-private partnership is a unique opportunity for collaboration to fund, build, and operate important infrastructure projects. This creative partnership allows an important project like the Uinta Basin Railway to move forward faster.

