



To: Minturn Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer
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RE: Town Manager Update

Unita Basin Railway

The USFS withdrew its permission for the Uinta Basin Railway to build 12-miles of rail through the Ashley national Forest which would connect two segments of rail and thereby getting the project one step closer to transporting crude oil from Utah, through Colorado, to the oil refineries in Texas. The Town of Minturn has been supporting Eagle County in opposition of this project. Here is a [link](#) to the entire article.

Minturn Elections

Minturn elections take place April 2nd. Voting will be in person or residents can apply in advance for an absentee ballot. See Jay Brunvand, clerk, at town hall with questions or email treasurer@minturn.org.

Bolts Ditch Act

I participated in efforts to support the Bolts Ditch Act which is making its way through the House of Representatives and would allow Eagle River Water & Sanitation District and the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority direct access to the Bolts Ditch and headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness Area. The trip included meetings with staff from Senator Bennet's and Hickenlooper's office as well as a tour by Congressman's Neguse's office. Siri Roman provided witness testimony and the sub committee on Natural Resources where Congressman Neguse is the ranking chair.



Regional Housing Plan Kickoff Meeting

I participated in the Regional Housing Plan kickoff meeting which will work toward better understanding the housing demand, housing supply and the needs, gaps and targets. Phase II will include the evaluation of the land use once and housing regulations, evaluate sites for housing, funding sources, potential policies and strategies, policy evaluation and an action plan. There will be extensive community outreach as part of this regional housing scope of work. Outreach will include focus groups, direct interviews, household survey, and a transit and partnerships survey.

Safe Streets 4 All Grant Kickoff

Minturn participated in the SS4A grant kickoff meeting which will allow us to begin the process on creating a safety action plan for our streets and mobility needs. This work is the baseline that will help Minturn's grant applications in showing the value and need for additional safety improvements not only along HWY 24 but also along Minturn's side streets.