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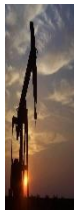
Subject: Utah Rail Construction Project given speedy environmental clearance

In the sign of the times, the Trump Administration's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) following a two-week environmental review fast tracked a major rail project in the name of a "national energy emergency." In the past the average time for these environmental reviews has been slightly more than 6.5 years. When complete the project will load 100,000 barrels of oil per day into trains headed for the Gulf Coast and other regions of the country.

The Uinta Basin crude-by-rail project will involve the construction of approximately **80 to 100 miles** of new railroad track. This new rail line is designed to connect the oil-rich Uinta Basin region of eastern Utah to the existing national rail network, enabling the transport of waxy crude oil to refineries across the country. The project has not begun construction and clearances through the Surface Transportation Board to authorize the railway are still necessary. Construction could begin within the next two years.

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