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### SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPTION OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES July 1, 2025

The work session of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Mayor Pro Tem Jamie Somerville, Stan Harbaugh, Sarah Matchett, and Rick Fox. Trustee Jeff Snook was absent. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Attorney Richard J Peterson-Cremer, Community Development Director Devan Aziz, Special Events Coordinator Rebecca Loucks.

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#### **WORK SESSION SUMMARY**

### Railway Project Legal Challenges Update

Richard Peterson Creamer, the town attorney, provided an update on the status of the railway project and related oil loadout facility. He explained that opposition to the project, particularly the reactivation of the Tennessee Pass line for oil trains, had grown organically in the Eagle Valley area. Municipalities in the region had been providing comments on NEPA documents and other permits for the project. Eagle County had hired a Denver environmental law firm to litigate against the Surface Transportation Board's approval of the UNA Railway Extension in northeast Utah. The case was appealed to the DC Circuit Court of Appeals, where Eagle County and environmental groups raised different issues. The DC Circuit ruled in favor of the appellants, requiring the Surface Transportation Board to analyze the effects of downstream greenhouse gas emissions from refineries in Louisiana and Texas.

# **Supreme Court Ruling on Infrastructure**

The Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision regarding the 7 County infrastructure coalition's appeal, ruling that environmental effects from a Utah oil train project were not sufficiently connected to Gulf Coast refineries to warrant consideration. The case was remanded back to the DC Circuit for further briefing, though the coalition misleadingly framed the decision as Supreme Court approval of the project. Separately, the President issued an executive order to fast-track the Wildcat Loadout project, an existing oil and coal facility, using expedited NEPA review processes that could lead to an environmental assessment within 14 days or an environmental impact statement in 28 days, with BLM serving as the authorizing agency.

# Wildcat Loadout Facility Public Comment

The discussion focused on the Wildcat loadout facility and potential opportunities for local government involvement. Town explained that while there were limited opportunities for new issues to be raised in court, local governments could still submit comments during the BLM's public comment period. Town suggested that while the Supreme Court amicus brief likely had little impact, the DC Circuit brief may have made a difference. The group discussed staying

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informed about the project, with Town offering to keep them updated and noting that interest had waned among municipalities. They also touched on the tight timeline for public comment on the Wildcat project and the need for municipalities to be prepared to submit comments quickly.

### **Utah Railroad Funding Challenges**

The discussion focused on funding challenges for a \$3 billion Utah railroad project, which requires private activity bonds but faces financial constraints as the allocated \$30 billion fund from the Inflation Reduction Act is nearly exhausted, leaving only \$500,000 available. The project's timeline is pushed to 2026, and while the Supreme Court recently ruled on indirect effects for New Orleans and Louisiana, legal issues under the Interstate Commerce Clause Termination Act and Endangered Species Act remain unresolved for both the Utah and Wildcat projects.

### Rail Crossing Safety and Legal Risks

The board discussed concerns about train blockages at rail crossings, including a recent incident that caused delays and safety hazards. They explored potential legal risks for railroads associated with increased train traffic and blockages, citing a case study from Chicago. The group agreed to keep abreast of developments in this issue and consider taking concrete actions if needed. They also discussed the need for more accessible, layperson-friendly resources on this topic, potentially through newsletters or updates from environmental groups like the Center for Biological Diversity.

### Wildcat Project and Infrastructure Concerns

The board directed Janet to prepare a draft letter regarding the wildcat project, expressing concerns about its impacts on Palisade and the environment, with Stan given the opportunity to review and voice concerns. The board also discussed potential quiet crossings for 3rd and 4th streets, with a possibility of pursuing a grant for one crossing despite high costs. The conversation ended with a motion to enter executive session for legal advice on eminent domain proceedings and strategy for the Clifton to Palisade sewer transfer project negotiations.

#### **WORK SESSION TRANSCRIPTION**

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Town of Palisade Colorado: We like to tax ourselves adequately? Yeah, exactly. It's an amalgam of reason why they suck. And there's.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: But if we live here, it just in our little town. If our citizens are not wanting to have that be something we can pay for, then then should we do, we let them by. The question then is, do we just let them continue to disintegrate.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Or do we, you know? At which point do they get so bad? Then we have to own it as leadership, right? Right? Which way we go, which ones are those ones, that which seems like ones are those ones that we neglect right? And it would be.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: If we're basing on road use. Isn't that like Alberta first, st is it? I don't think it's out really.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I think it's ours.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I think it's not ours within a certain area of the.

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**Town of Palisade Colorado: Sorry.** 

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Uh interchanges like within, you know, 100 feet of 6 and 70, or whatever.</u> But I think beyond that it is ours. Pretty sure. But maybe not.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Really, I don't think we plow with everything else. I don't think we plow that. That's why I think it's not our sense. So.

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**Town of Palisade Colorado: Some.** 

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Town of Palisade Colorado: All right, Richard, you're gonna lead us on the train watchman, please. Yeah, sure.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Right.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, just for the record whatever.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: What's that? Oh, for the record in the microphone, anyway? For the record. I'm Richard Peterson Creamer uh with carp. New Hanlon.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Town attorney. Um, so uh, I've been asked to kind of provide an update on the status of the railway.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. There's kind of been recent.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Couple of recent uh decisions and orders directives on relating to.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The UN. Railway project itself, and then kind of a.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Related oil loadout, facility.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. So I've been. I've been working on this project for 6 years now.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Representing different municipalities.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, mostly up in the Eagle Valley area.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Which is kind of where the opposition 1st uh.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Grew organically because of concerns that they're.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The intent was to reactivate the Tennessee Pass line.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: To run oil trains up and over. So a bunch of municipalities up there.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Banded together. Um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And started providing comments on the Nepa documents for.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The winter railway project. Both.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And the Forest Service permit, and the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Surface Transportation Board, proceeding.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. Eagle County got involved and kind of took up the larger.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Uh budgetary item of hiring a Denver environmental specialty law firm. Um, where I actually used to work.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: During and after law school.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. And so my friend of mine, Nate Hunt, is.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Kind of been the litigator on this case.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: There was a direct appeal initially of the surface transportation boards.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Approval of.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Of the Una Railway Extension.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: In northeast Utah.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. That appeal went to the DC. Circuit Court of Appeals. The way Stb decisions are structured. There's no District Court hearing. It's just an appeal of the record that goes to the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Appeals court um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The, and then a number of other municipalities.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Joined in in the DC. Circuit briefing stage as Amikai or friends of the court, we filed an amicus brief.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um kind of adding in.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Some of the more Colorado specific facts around oil spills, wildfire risk.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um stuff like that to help the DC circuit side with us, and uh.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: In in that case um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, there, there are multiple parties. There's Eagle County. And then there's a group of environmental or kind of a coalition and of environmental groups.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And they were raising different issues. In this case Eagle County was really raising kind of the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The potential effects within Colorado, within Eagle County.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Like we talked about oil spills, wildfire risk.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, whereas the environmental groups were pushing the kind of trying to push the law.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um of of Nepa a little bit, saying.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Stb. You need to analyze the effects of.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Downstream greenhouse gas emissions in the Gulf Coast refineries like in Louisiana and Texas.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Because those are the only refineries that can handle this heavy, crude oil out of northeast Utah.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And so they also won on those claims in the DC. Circuit.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, as well as a host of other claims that were not environmental related, but more substantive rail.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Law related um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So then, obviously the 7 County infrastructure coalition. The sponsors of the project appealed to the Us. Supreme Court.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. We were surprised and.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, not not happy. When the Supreme Court took the case up, because it was not a good sign.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, and in particular, you know Justice Brett Kavanaugh has been writing on.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: These issues for decades. And so I had a pretty good sense that he might be the one writing the opinion on this, and sure enough, he was.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. And so that case was briefed, and oral arguments happened this spring.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Or no last ball.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Getting my times mixed up, but.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. Then that decision came out. It was unanimous. 8 to nothing. Justice Gorsuch.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Recuse, which, unfortunately, you know strategically, when our.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Towns again participated. We were kind of targeting him.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Being like, oh, you're from Colorado, maybe.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Maybe you'll appreciate all these, all these local governments, perspectives.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So anyway, it was 8. Nothing. Um! The 3 more liberal.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Justices filed a concurrence as well.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That was more on substantive rail law issues.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And then. But the Supreme Court case.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Really has very little to do with the actual oil train project.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: It is a bigger environmental law issue about how far afield. Like, I was talking about the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Gulf, coast refineries, emissions.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Are those related to the project.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The authorizing project happening in Utah.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And that's where the Supreme Court came in and said, No.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: That's too far afield. These these effects are not proximate to</u> the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Decision that the Surface Transportation Board has made.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And it, you know, it really was kind of a a smackdown of environmental groups that have been.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Pushing the the limits of environmental law. Oftentimes, through these.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: More linear type projects like natural gas pipelines, saying, Oh, vou put gas in here. It comes out here. You need to analyze the effects.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Throughout that entire project.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So that's really what the Supreme Court case was about.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. There is almost no mention of Colorado or the oil spill.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Issues or wildfire effects. Um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And the the case is now.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Been, you know, remanded. This is how the Supreme Court works.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: It's been remanded back down to the DC. Circuit.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And there will be further briefing. It's unclear.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Exactly what the scope of that briefing will be. I think in the next few months there will be.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Briefing to kind of determine what the scope will be.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Cause. That's what lawyers do, and courts do. So um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Uh.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know the the 7 county infrastructure coalition, of course.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Framed it as the Supreme Court approved the project. And that's not the case. Um.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: There's still substantive.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Rail law issues. Um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That were not appealed. The DC. Circuit's decision on those issues stand.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. And then there's further briefing on kind of what you know. The DC Circuit saying, what did the Supreme Court say?

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And you know it's our belief still that some of the Colorado specific issues can still be included in.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. Whatever decision the DC circuit comes out with.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So. In the meantime.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. The President issued an Executive order.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Fast tracking a project called the Wildcat Loadout.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: It's an existing oil and coal loadout in.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Kind of in the same area.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, they're using the new.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Nepa fast tracking policies. They have.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Or do you have to.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Complete an environmental assessment in 14 days or an environmental impact statement in 28 days.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Eiss in particular, take the one for the winter railway, took.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 3 years, so.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: There are legal risks that a lot of companies are not, and project sponsors are not.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Willing to take um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Because of, you know the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Completing these in 28 days is.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Seems somewhat likely you're going to have a deficient document that a court will likely overturn.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um this wildcat.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Uh sponsor apparently is willing to.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Utilize this streamlined process. So um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Blm is the authorizing agency for the wildcat loadout.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: They've issued a notice of intent to.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Ah! Prepare an ea on this um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That came out 2 weeks ago. So.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. I imagine we will see an Ea out for notice and comment here in the next.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 2 to 4 weeks, I would guess.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And then there will be a 14 day comment period on that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. Actually, we don't know how long the comment period will be. I think they have to approve it. Within 14 days.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So it's very fast. Um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So, you know, that's really.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Kind of where things stand.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um happy to take any questions, you know. There, I think there's some opportunities.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Around the wildcat loadout facility for local governments to engage. It's unclear if the kind of coalition of local governments that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Engaged at the DC. Circuit and Supreme Court level.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Are going to feel compelled to.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Raise the same issues that they've already raised. You know, those briefs have already been filed. And so there's not a lot of new issues.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: To be raised at this point in court.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So happy to take any questions.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: This came up a lot at the conference I was just at with people on the western slope, and I didn't even wasn't the one that always brought it up. So it's definitely on the mind. So I think of a lot of people over here. So what you just said there were opportunities to engage. You think like, what might that look like if we were gonna it would be just during the comment period, yeah, or like filing a comment.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: With the blm on the for the, for the wildcat, for the wildcat loadout. Yeah, as individuals or as a municipality, as a municipality.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And you know those carry some some weight.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The local governments are weighing in.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um? Is there any? So with any other.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Of the the original.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Decision. Is there any.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Benefit to the town or to for us to to join in as as an Amika.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I, you know at this point I don't think so. Um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I you know it was a a robust.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Group of signers.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That, honestly, looking back probably didn't make a lick of difference at the Supreme Court. I think.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, I think in the DC. Circuit it it did make a difference.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: But you know, as I said, this was a.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: A bigger issue than just the rail line. It was about.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: What are the limits of environmental law?

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, and so I I don't think that there's much.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Opportunity remaining in the in the court cases for</u> participation. But we're, you know, we're monitoring it because we have.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The number of municipalities that we work with that are are interested.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Another question, sir. Um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Not. How best do we stay informed? I mean, yeah. I mean, Dan's kind of been my best source of information. I read the sentinel, and often he's parroting. And what's coming from meetings that I'm at. But is there another way.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. I mean, we can keep you all updated. Um, like, I've.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I follow this pretty closely. I'm in touch with all the attorneys working on this.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, I think uh.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, I I think we probably have the most.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Information up to date information on what's going on at any given point.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Are you briefing other municipalities, other.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, clients of yours. Similarly, is there, you know, a blog or something that we could follow? I mean, maybe blogs not the right word.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, we're kind of doing. I you know. There, there's there is a little bit of fatigue, I think, around this um, that everybody feels like they put up a fight and.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Here we are! Um!

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So we haven't actually gotten a lot of inquiries lately.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: On this. But um, I imagine.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, I think once the wildcat load out.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Ea is out there, there will be some more interest.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And local governments. And there's an environmental group.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Center for biological diversity, that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Has does a lot of outreach with local governments to kind of.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Gin up support on this issue.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. Well, speaking of the sentinel, because I did read.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: In the paper several days ago about the wildcat, and how they were trying to push this through in a very.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Fast track, motion, or.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Way with.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: It's almost sounded like they were going to do. No.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um pretty much comment. But I mean, that's not really legal for them to do that, is it?

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I there will be some public comment. I believe. I I think if they don't, then yeah, it's an easy uh easy lawsuit.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, you know. I assume they have some competent lawyers uh advising the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Council on Environmental Quality at the White House on how to do this, to mitigate some risk that they're creating.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, so I think there will be some public comment. But it is a very tight timeframe.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: But to go along with that. Then with Rick, I mean, he's saying, you know, with Rick's question about.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, doing this as a municipality, as opposed to individually.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I mean the moment we know that there is any type of public comment, we should probably just be right there, Johnny, on the spot with it for the wildcat. Yeah, I think we could.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, yeah, and we could be ready to help help draft that comment.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Thank you. Can you just.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I just have questions about where? So.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Timeline and what you think about the winter project like, and where that is, and realistic, like, I get a lot of, just because I don't know how to answer constituents. Thinks it's coming in tomorrow, and I'm like, Well, I don't. You know.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, I mean, that's you know. That's what the project sponsors want. Everybody to think that it's a good deal um.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, and talking to Nate, the attorney for Eagle County.</u> <u>It's like.</u>

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: There's a long road to go. Um. But but you know court court timeframes, we just don't know, and there's still unresolved issues.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Unrelated to the Supreme Court case that just handled at the DC. Circuit.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So I said I had, Janet, were you able to forward that link that Jim sent.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I emailed you yesterday asking you to send. So Jim.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: News sent me a link to an article about.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The Utah project, and I'll and I wanted to make sure I did it through Janet. So it was legal.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Anyway, but.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: What was interesting within this article is talking about the financing that they need.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So they're going for like 3 billion dollars in those private private activity bonds, private activity, which I think is almost.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Uh tapped out. Ntv, if I remember right, it's part of the part of dot. Yeah. So they have to do this. So they need 3 million dollars to build this. Well, that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Particular fund was allocated.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 30 billion dollars several years ago, through the Inflation Reduction Act.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Well, it was allocated. 30 million dollars they are now down to. They've already dedicated up that 29 point.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 6 or 4 billion. So they got like a half a.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 1 million dollars left, or something like that or not a half 1 million like 500,000.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: But this Utah railroad, they need 3 billion. Yeah. So there's not going to be a, they're not going to be revisiting that allocation to that fund.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Until 2026.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That I know that that's basically what this article so.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: We'll we'll try to get that article so that kind of gives you an idea, too, that they don't have the money for it.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah. Gonna cost him over like almost 2 million dollars a mile.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, to build the railroad. They don't have the money for it.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That's why they're trying to get that. Not yet.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I am actually Ollie.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah. So again, this, this pushes us off into somewhere into 2026. Yeah, I I think it is.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: My sense is, it's years away. Um! In the best circumstances. The wildcat loadout that could happen.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: But I don't think it. I don't think it creates the capacity.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: To have, you know, 8.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 3 mile long, trains a day coming through town.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That's reserved just isn't as big as that one with those. I just. I don't. I don't think.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Well, I I don't know but um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: My sense is, it doesn't quite have the same impact. I might be wrong, but um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: It's you speak about some of the the rail law that's in place. Is there anything specifically that really.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Would push back on both of these projects, or anything in particular that.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Could impact their ability to.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Do this well, so so one of the claims and I I might not be able to recall exactly.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: What it was, but it relates to a statue called the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Iccta, the Interstate Commerce Clause, Termination Act, that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Is the. It's the statute that created the Surface Transportation Board.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, and so I know there are substantive.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Violations of the Iccta that the DC. Circuit found.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um that were not appealed to. The Supreme Court.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Similarly, there is an endangered Species act, claim.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: That the DC. Circuit agreed with that was not appealed to. The Supreme Court.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So there are multiple legal issues still that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That the the project sponsors need to address.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So really all the the Supreme Court did was just say, you can't.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Just New Orleans and Louisiana and Texas.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: As part of your right. Yeah, those those are not indirect effects.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Like, that's all the Supreme Court, said.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Said, those impacts are too far afield. They didn't say anything about Colorado.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So I didn't say anything. There was nothing again about endangered species or any of this other.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah. So those those are still in play with the Utah.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Would they also come into play with a.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: A wildcat. Yeah.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah. And I think I think that would be the thrust of a comment letter would be, you know, assuming the Ea is deficient.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, which you know they're not gonna have a lot of time to make sure it isn't.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, those would probably be the issues, oil spills, wildfires.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Impacts to rail crossings in towns like, I know Grand Junction's</u> got.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Bunch of at grade crossings, and we have some here, I believe, as well, so like.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The the congestion and traffic and safety impacts that would occur to the local governments and communities. I was going to ask about that because we had a biggest concern. I know you guys would.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Remember this. So this past farmers, market.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, we had a train sitting on the track blocking Maine and Kluge.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: For I don't even know how long they were there. By the time.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I got there. It had already been sitting there for 2030 min, I think. Yeah. And it was there, Rebecca, what was it? At least another 15 or 20.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, we didn't. It was sitting there for quite. And the problem</u> is, it's blocking Kluge and Maine, which is.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: A hazard people. Huh? Yeah, if there had been any type of.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Ems Emt type call out.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: North of the railroad tracks, there would have been a real issue with that in terms of timely response. Yeah, there. There is actually a case on a work or case. I worked on in.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: The firm in Denver that has a. They have a rail practice, but it</u> was south side of Chicago.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And we were tracking all the accurate.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Blockages, and it was dozens a day at these 4 different crossings for totaling.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 4 to 5 HA day. Um and Ems, we're.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, getting blocked. Firefighters were having to reroute.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Um, and so those can become substantive legal problems for the</u> railroads.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And I imagine adding this capacity of.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The up mainline could create more of those.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Legal risks for the railroads.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: And so pointedly in the context of that event this Sunday. It</u> wasn't 1 train. It was multiple sections of train. They were.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Aggregating the cars right.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So it took longer to connect them before they could move all of them. It took a long time.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, no, that that was an issue in the Chicago case as well. Um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That they would just move, move small sections of cars and then leave them. Yeah, they would unattach the locomotive and leave them at the accurate crossing.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So back kind of on point. I know personally, and really everybody that I talk to on the streets, really very interested in the progress.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. Is there your friend Nate? Does he present provide? Make a newsletter for his clients?

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Is there some way that we can get more rather than you know? Whatever uh case case law and Google to see.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And Dan. It'd be nice to follow it in Layperson's terms and be able to point people to.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Some layperson resource. Yeah, I mean the the environmental group I mentioned center for biological diversity in terms of like public facing.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Material they probably have.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: They've been tracking this the closest.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So their website, they.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, they they post updates pretty regularly.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Um. Then I don't know if we need to vote as a board to have you.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Keep us abreast and make available to us to contribute meaningfully. Yeah. And that's super important. Just keep us abreast.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Email us as something pertinent arises that maybe, you know, pertains to this issue. And if there's actually can take yeah, that's when, if there's stuff. If there's concrete things that we as a board could do, then.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: We want to do them. I think we had a very similar conversation</u> last year with Jim, and he said, Don't worry about it.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Well, DC. Circuit ruled in our favor. It's done. We really didn't think the Supreme Court was going to take this up. We were like, Oh, that's because the Appellate court. Yeah, they're not, you know. And so at that point, we were already kind of out of it.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Or at least we thought, and that's what his advice was that we, you know we couldn't help, you know, and he just didn't think there was going to be any value to us at that point joining in. Yeah. And it it, you know, it would not have made a difference at the Supreme Court.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: They they were doing what they do.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Well, and the fact that it was an 8.0, decision was, yeah, I think.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 1st of all, them taking it up, and then 8. 0, on a decision that was, I think, even more. I think, that surprised everybody that it was.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, I mean overwhelming a decision. I think it showed that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Kind of the pushing the limits of environmental law. Um, in terms of how.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Approximate. These effects are to the.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Project um.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know it had. There were risks associated with that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: The one thing we can do at this point is, we can give direction to Richard and.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Janet to maybe have a draft letter ready.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: For the wildcat. In other words.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know, the because of the the window, I think of public comment is, gonna be so.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Narrow that we should probably have a letter ready to go.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And then we can. We would still have to get together. I believe.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And vote to approve the letter, or at the next next week's meeting, we can.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Just basically say.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Give me permission to sign it on behalf of the board. Yeah.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Right. So we can do that. We all want to give direction to Janet for that. Please to get the letter ready.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Next Tuesday, yeah. 4th of July. We have a lot of stuff going on Oregon.</u>

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Well, maybe maybe not. Have the maybe not have the letter</u> ready, but just have a resolution ready. That gives me.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Basically the ability to sign the moment we need to sign it. Yeah.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That we should thank you to sign the letter depending, you know, to the letter. Didn't say.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: That we basically are concerned about the wildcat project, and whether or not.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know the the impacts to the town of palisade and to the environment of Colorado.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Now, Stan, if you don't approve, you want the letter.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Basically, when it gets drafted, you'll have an opportunity to review it and can voice your concerns at that point like a lot lot more information about it for one. Well, like volume. How many.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Barrels, how many trains, how many cars.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: How often, you know stuff like that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And that at this point. But what I'm saying is that, and so that because the public comment section or.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Period is probably going to be very short.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Very narrow window of opportunity.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: We should probably have something in place ready to go, so we can sign it and put it into place.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: On at the direction of the Board, and as a vote of the Board, on a particular resolution.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Alright, that's all we've done. Ask Janet at this point.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: We haven't approved a letter. We haven't signed a letter. We're just asking Janet to have a letter ready to go.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Okay, any other questions for Richard or Janet on this issue, with 4 min left to go in this workshop.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Super helpful. Thanks, Richard. Thank you very much on this. Of course you're welcome. So we got a 4 min break, and then we'll start the meeting. By the way, for those of you who aren't aware what this meeting is basically meant for us to go into executive session, which means that we're in a call to order. Go into executive session. And you guys are gonna all have to leave anyway.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So.

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**Town of Palisade Colorado: Sorry.** 

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Page 3, plan page 63. Hazard, mitigation.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Oh, sorry! What was that?

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So 2023 game plans.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 63, page 63. Hazard mitigation. We knew about this function.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 2023.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Just encourage you guys start at 1633.

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**Town of Palisade Colorado: This one.** 

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Got all kinds of stuff here.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Is that part of this.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: We'll get on their list. This is a new one, unbiased out. Okay, that's what I thought.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: In support of their.

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**Town of Palisade Colorado: Right.** 

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Town of Palisade Colorado: But they like with this one. They.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Away, so much so we'll require it, only.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: You know about the project uh.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Right, yeah.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Thank you. You do a great. You do a great job. By the way, we don't get enough coverage.

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**Town of Palisade Colorado: Silicon Valley.** 

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I know. Yeah, I know, yeah.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: We're thinking about messing up 2 1-way streets with some barricades and things, and.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Matchstick.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Matchstick stuff our our own. We can have a 3rd and 4th Street, our own 3rd and 4th Street.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Hybrid projects too hard. What a joke that is!

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I did spend a lot of time looking at quiet crossings, and I mean, mostly they're just really expensive. But you can get Federal rail authority grants to put them in.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So that's the only route that you have to go, and they make it.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: My understanding from is, it's ridiculously cumbersome like, but I think we could.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, sure. But I think it's you know, something that I'm gonna bring up and see if we can start. And you know, even if it's just one, it's a start. And I don't know. Yeah, yeah.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Right? Yeah, I mean, it's yeah, it is. I just it is fascinating. Right? Yeah, no, it is. It's just. And even if we don't end up getting this through. I'm gonna be.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Encouraging us to. If that's a grant we can get, let's work on it, because even if it's just one, it's 1, and that's better than.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 0. Are you in town where you're that crossing that wouldn't affect you? Yeah, you're not right. Cause you're yeah. We can't help you. Yeah, we can help you.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, you're right there.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Sobering, sobering. Yeah, speaking of which.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Rise to the pledge of allegiance.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: One nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Rebecca, will you please call the roll.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Mayor Mikolai here mayor pro tem. Somerville, here Trustee</u> Maxwell here Trustee Harbra.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Here, trustee, Matchett, here, trustee, fox, here.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: No, Mary, you have a part.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Thank you. I'll ask for a motion to or to approve. Tonight's agenda. So moved.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Second, all in favor, say, aye, aye.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So our 1st item on the agenda I will ask for a motion.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: To go into executive session, pursuant to.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 24, dash, 6, dash, 4, 0, 2.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: 4, a 4, 24, dash, 6, dash, 4 0, 2, 4 b, and 24, dash, 6, 4, 0, 2.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: 4 E. Of Colorado Revised Statutes for a conference with the town attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Concerning eminent domain proceedings, the purchase and acquisition of a real property, interest, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations.

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<u>Town of Palisade Colorado: Developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators relating to the Clifton to palisade, sewer, transfer project.</u>

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Town of Palisade Colorado: So moved, second.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Rebecca we please call the roll.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Mayor, Proton Somerville. Yes.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Trustee Fox. Yes, Mayor Mccoy.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yes. Trustee. Maxwell. Yeah. Trustee. Harbrock.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yes, trustee, match it. Yes, Mayor, that motion carries.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Okay, we will take a few moments to prepare the room, and then we will go into executive session.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I guess we need to close the door.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And the Zoo. And but yeah, that's what I'm waiting for is Richard is for for Rebecca to.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Awesome.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Oh, Dennis Simpson, I can see him going. No, yeah. The principal.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: He didn't like that.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Maybe we could just create a delicious.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Yeah, let's just create a new one.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I think, because if people have this like.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: I told you about. I was so ensuing.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: And Grand Valley's really fast, but.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: That was nice to hear. You know what I have been following this. I didn't know any of that, and it's not me, too. Some of it, I mean, loosely understood what their decision was. Part of the problem with like I, you know, you.

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Town of Palisade Colorado: Like, you're questioning about whether the center for balance whatever is biased because it's like.