



Dear Congressman

I am writing you about the proposed electric power transmission line that is supposed to go by close to my house.

Some time ago I went to a hearing at the Orleans hall where it was agreed upon by all parties present that the best route would be thru the Birds of Prey area because it would give the Eagles a roost from which to fish.

The center route here would blank out all over the air T.V.

The southern route would give the Eagles and Hawks roosts to further destroy the Sage-Grouse population.

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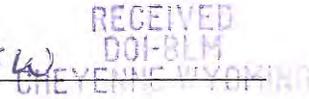


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I don't feel that the Birds of Prey area would be effected if power lines go through the area. I read an artical which estimated the number of Golden Eagles an other birds which are killed by wind power generators, An amainizingly high number. I can't believe it would do more harm to put the lines through birds of prey. I am for moving it further south of Barber Rd.

Political donations will probably win. It is a crime that this is allowed to happen.

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Name:

Sherry Agnew

Lennie + I live on Kuna Lane about a half mile from this proposed line.

We have hidden under the existing power line that goes across the "Birds of Prey" area and feel that an enlargement of that line to the South would really not impact the Birds of Prey any worse than the current line that is there. All seems very peaceful when we have been there and have seen multiple different types of Birds of Prey in all their many flocks and they seem to be flourishing there - so I don't really believe it will make a difference at all on the other hand should your route follow Barker Road it will very badly affect the neighbors property and/or any proposed subdivisions for the future development of Kuna, and I believe that would take in over a 1,000 acres that could be impacted - for also Kuna's New ^{Rest} Park and Boys & Girls club - so not only does it effect property values but the chance of a really nice foreseeable future for Kuna's expansion area.

Sincerely, Sherry Agnew

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I would like to endorse option 9D, ALREADY CHOSEN by Owyhee County. Before moving to OREGON, I OWNED A FARM (AND MANAGED 2 OTHER RANCHES) CROSSED BY THE CURRENT LINE, MANY OF THE PROBLEMS CAUSE BY THE LINES & RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES, HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. THESE INCLUDE, GROUNDING OF SERVICES, BUILDING RESTRICTIONS, LOGGING ISSUES, INSPECTIONS & REPAIR CROW ACCESS, AND MANY, MANY, UNINTENDED FACTORS, CAUSED BY CROSSING PRIVATE PROPERTIES.

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Name: DAVE ALLEN



The operations in the McElber area, allowed me to observe "Bird of Prey" use of current towers for nesting & hunting sites (Not good for Sage Grouse in Owyhee County)

The BLM preferred route seems like a "scam" to ^{force} Idaho Power (paid by customers) to pay for enhancement to the "Birds of Prey" program, this from a BLM representative at the Murphy international meeting.

It is wrong to force private property owners to change their lives and give up property, when alternatives are available, I oppose BLM's preferred option.

Please, consider the impact, in human terms, on residents who will have to live with this line, over their heads, in their yards, forever!

Again Option 9D

Thank you
D. Allen

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We are opposed to BLM's preferred routes going through our (and many other citizens also) private property when an alternate route has been shown by our local authorities. What else can be done?

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Secretary Salazar, Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, Carl Rountree, Walt George, Senator Crapo, Senator Risch, Representative Labrador, Representative Simpson, Ada, Canyon, and Owyhee County Commissioners.

I property owner within the corridor area recently proposed to be arbitrarily amended in the Final Draft EIS for Gateway Transmission Line Project, **STRONGLY DEMAND** that the collaborated routes which were found in the Preliminary Draft EIS be reinstated to go through Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey (NCA), instead of the beautiful private lands in Ada, Canyon, and Owyhee Counties. Owners do not deserve this treatment nor will we stand still for our Federal Government to disregard our lives, and the many cooperative hours we have had with the local BLM and Idaho Power Officials.

Name: Robbin Anderson
 Signature: Robbin Anderson Date: 11-12-12

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I live where the power lines would "Sandwich" our home as it ^{They} merged with the substation. Keep the alternative route as proposed by the citizens, BLM, + Id Power, so we don't have to move because my dad, who lives with me, has an AICD, which cannot tolerate ^{between} lines!

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Our property on MELBA ROAD in MELBA, IDAHO has BEEN in our family since my Grandfather Homesteaded in 1920 after serving in W.W. One. There is no REASON the "ENHANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS" to the BIRDS OF Prey cannot be met during construction, rather than

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Devaluing valuable HOMES AND agricultural lands following the BLM preferred Routes.

Please Do the Right thing! Follow the will of the AMERICAN people whom you work for.

Respectfully,

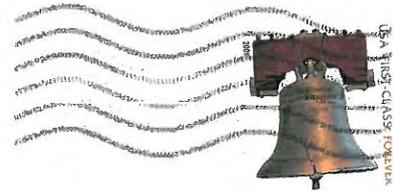
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Twenty years ago I learned to fly hang gliders in the Declo area (D, Test Hill). Still fly there to this day. The proposed power line would severely impact the safety of our sport in this area.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

It is my understanding that a routing alternative has been proposed in proximity to the Town of Cokeville. This alternative routing would minimize the corridor's impact on the community and I request it be adopted. This community/ citizen based solution is of paramount importance as they will live in perpetuity with the result of the EIS actions. This is exact result a proper environmental review process should embrace to find solutions to socio- economic impacts and land use concerns which are organic to the community involved.

Please accept the citizen/ landowner proposed route in the Cokeville area.

Eric Barlow
Gillette WY

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I have been following this project for some time and happy to see our power distribution lines catching up with future demands.

Obviously there will be miles of dirt roads. What is the plan for dust control that seems to be a huge environmental issue?

Reason for the question I am associated with a company that makes a product additive to concrete powder which greatly assists in the binding benefits when tilled into the dirt or road base material.

Is there a contact you may forward to me that I may meet to introduce the product. This product could have great benefits for the miles of roads associated with this project as well as other BLM, USFS and Land Use projects. This is a product from Germany with great results over the past 20 years and not yet in the U.S. market.

Thank You in Advance.

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Hello,

I also support this opinion!!! I am voicing my concerns over the routing of the power lines over an area commonly known as "Test Hill", south of the home of Frank and Lorna Gillette located at 903 East, 500 South, Declo, ID. This hill is very important for hang gliding and paragliding flight training in the Southern Idaho region. The hill is uniquely situated to offer a safe training environment for beginner pilots, and also offers an accessible venue for other pilots to fly. I am strongly opposed to placing powerlines in the vicinity of this hilltop.

Sincerely,

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Just a few comments. First this line goes directly through all ~~but~~ one of our pivots it would provide a 150ac corridor through the heart of our farm. At one time in all of our 15 pivots revolutions would pass under the transmission lines. We have already had issues w/ stray voltage at our feed lot affecting a big electric motor after burning up 3 motors our electrician said, "this has to be stray voltage." Idaho Power came out and checked thing out. the man was dressed w/all sorts of protective clothing said he did nothing and there was no problem. Funny thing was we walked around the same spot every day not even knowing there could

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be any harm to my self my fellow employees or even my children, but this guy was dressed w/ all sorts of electrical protective clothing. Since that day when he said "Nothing was wrong," we have never buried up another electric motor. Second, story happened this spring one of our business acquaintances had his house electrified tens of thousands of volts coming from Idaho Power lines just after he had put his kids on the bus and he himself self headed to work. His wife was luckily still at a family members house in Utah and was not present at the home at the time of the surge that made his home into a death trap inferno. He is still waiting for answers still not able to call home. The problem w/ these two stories is the IDAHO Power does not like to accept their mistakes I do not trust in them these lines are dangerous and they want to put them in our back yards so they ~~are~~ are not dangerous for the birds. My job is already dangerous everyday I deal w/ electricity and pivots, I feel these lines will make each day that I and the other thousands of farm workers days more dangerous. they are said to be safe, but w/ the track record of Idaho Power if something was to go bad they would never take the blame. They would rather see you suffer or even die than take the blame for their misf~~akes~~akes. The 5 county task force has made a corridor for the project w/ what we feel ^{has} the least impact on our Agricultural counties take their advice and put the line on the Idaho Utah border with the proposed Alkoning route which is there.

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From the BLM maps I believe the South route is Alternative 7K. This would affect less people and put the line on more public land and w/ less tilled land and also less population. The focus seems to be on animals rather than people. I worry for my children my fellow employees and myself's safety. 90% of the time nothing will happen. It is the 10% of the time when problems do happen and we hear nothing about them and Idaho Power says "didn't find any problems." I am not willing to take the risk and invite them into my back yard! Does Las Vegas need to worry about electricity or water!

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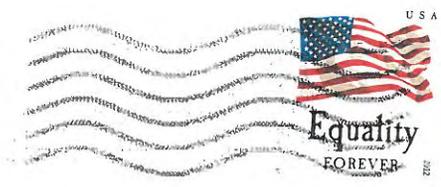
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I am writing in response to this project and want to address my concerns. There will be a huge chunk of this project run right through our farm and stand very close to my home. I have a young family. All my children are age 7 or younger. I also would like to have more children in the future. I only state this personal information due to the worries it causes me and the safety of my children. I can no longer let them play outside or go farm with their father due to the fact that these structures are all around our pivots and feedlot. You are building a very unsafe playground for innocent children in

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the Cassia County area. It is taking away valuable learning windows for the children to learn on the farm. But yet the sage grouse and many other animals are much more important to saving than human beings. Whatever happened to helping the human population succeed. Now it is how can we save the animals. The animals don't build a nation, ~~Animals~~ ^{people} do. I also take into consideration my health. These lines play a very important role in our health. I was told by a representative for the project, it will only be a problem if you are around them everyday. That is exactly the problem with this project running through Cassia County because my family will be around them everyday. We can't avoid them when they border our home and pivots in which we are around EVERYDAY.

In conclusion, I want the power lines rerouted to the alternative routes. Let's put human beings first over the animals. ~~We~~ ^{we} are economically trying to work for ~~their~~ ^{our} well being. It may cost a little more but we are protecting future generations, which protects our nation. Let's get back to taking care of the people first, which proves to always be a positive outcome.

The alternative route I would like to see for this project is the feasible Alternative route that runs along the Utah Idaho border.

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Dear Mr. George:

I am the Chair of the Owyhee County Sage Grouse Local Working Group and have been a working member of this group since its inception in 1995. The ultimate goal of the OCSGLWG has been and is, to protect the Sage-Grouse from becoming listed. I am writing this comment as a private citizen, not as a member of the Local Working Group.

I am writing to you to support the Alternate Route 9-D as the preferred choice for the Gate West Transmission Line for the following reasons:

1. Route 9-D will minimally impact existing Sage-Grouse lek routes in Owyhee County, several of which are within a few miles of the Proposed Preferred Route, 9-E.
Sage Grouse avoid any type of infrastructure, especially the type that is over head, such as the transmission towers because of perching opportunities for avian predators. This is the reason Sage-Grouse leks and nesting areas are located in areas of low sage and no trees.
2. Alternative Route D goes across the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey NCA. This area is hardly void of infrastructure, in fact, this whole area has been used and has had infrastructure, since the early settlers. The early routes from the Grand View area to Boise went out through the heart of the NCA. Old roads leave the canyons and were at that time heavily traveled to the Boise Area. There are currently four transmission lines across this area and one old line that has been decommissioned and is being left for nesting habitat for the birds of prey.
An old pole line road, named the Baja Road, which has been recently improved, travels the length of the NCA from Highway 67 to the Swan Falls Road near Kuna. This road could be used in the structure of the new transmission line with minimal impact to the NCA.
3. I reside just under the rim of the NCA Birds of Prey. Even though the Alternative 9-D would



be within eyesight of my residence and the Grand View Valley, I would still prefer to see it in the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey NCA which already has negative visual impact to the public.

Alternate Route 9-E is devoid of any negative visual impact. A traveler on Highway 78 has only to look to the Owyhee Mountains and see nothing but nature's view. To spoil this view with huge towers and lines would be a travesty.

4. Route 9-D will impact only a few private lands, as opposed to Preferred Route 9-E. Those private land holders are willing to let the transmission towers go across their lands.

Preferred Route 9-E impacts the private lands of farmers and ranchers the length of the Bruneau, Grand View, Oreana, and Murphy areas. To the casual observer, this seems to be minimal, but to the farmers and ranchers, to have these towers go across their farms is a great disruption of their livelihood. Most of the farms within this route use pivot irrigation, which is not compatible with the transmission towers. Most of these pivots are in excess of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in diameter. The siting of these towers will disrupt the function of these pivots, making irrigation difficult.

It is because of these stated reasons that I submit my objection to Preferred Route D-E and offer my support to Alternate 9-D.

Sincerely,

Donna Bennett
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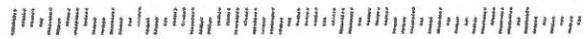
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Mr. Walt George
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From: jmclain@blm.gov on behalf of [Gateway West Trans Line, BLM WY](#)
To: blm@gwcomment.com
Subject: Fwd: FINAL EIS COMMENT FORM- GATEWAY WEST TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
Date: Monday, July 01, 2013 10:26:58 AM

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From: **Larry Bethke** <lmbfarms@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 27, 2013 at 4:53 PM
Subject: FINAL EIS COMMENT FORM- GATEWAY WEST TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
To: "[Gateway West WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov)" <gateway_west_wymail@blm.gov>

To whom it may concern:

1. It has been asked of you to study the HVDC buried line, and you have said NO because it was not feasible. How can you say it is not feasible without even studying the process? Technology has advanced so much in the last 10 years, that you are basing your answer on old technology. Please have it studied by HVDC professionals before you just say NO. You are mandated by law to study all alternatives.

2. In past meetings with Power County you were asked to ADOPT Power County's alternative route proposals, not just study them. If you did study them you just did NOT ADOPT them, with no reason's. Again, Power County has been given SITING AUTHORITY BY THE STATE OF IDAHO. Please listen to Power County as they have the last word in siting. REMEMBER SITING AUTHORITY HAS PRECEDENT OVER EMINENT DOMAIN.

3. The current proposal is not acceptable to Power County. Please meet with Power County to come to some sort of resolution to the siting of the GATEWAY WEST TRANSMISSION LINE.

4. Last but not least, please extend the comment period for another 90 days.

Thank you for your consideration.
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American Falls, Idaho 83211

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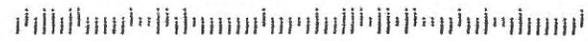


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Cheyenne, WY 82003

RE: Gateway West Transmission Line Project – Final EIS Comment Period

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It would be difficult to overstate the negative impact to the city of Melba of running the Gateway West 500kV transmission line through the northern boundary of our city.

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Sincerely,

Darlene Bills

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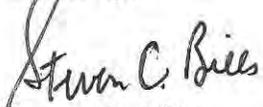
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Sincerely,



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Three additional reasons among many include:

1. Segment 8B and 9E (BLM preferred routes) would burden private citizens with costs of millions of dollars.
2. Should the BLM's Preferred Routes come to fruition, the citizens and governmental authorities of Idaho's reached collaborative consensus would be turned back as meaningless by Washington DC.
3. The "enhancement requirements" to Birds of Prey can be met within the construction processes of the project through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey defined area.

BLM PREFERRED ROUTES WOULD DISRUPT MORE HABITS + EAGLES ALONG THE UNBUILT FARMED PORTIONS THAN FOLLOWING THE CONSENSUS ROUTE. THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF CULLEURS THAT NEST NEXT TO THE BLM 9E ROUTE. I GET THIS FROM FARMING 1500 ACRES ADJACENT TO A PORTION OF THE 9E ROUTE. THE ROUTE SHOULD FOLLOW THE EXISTING POWER LINE SOUTH OF THE UNION PACIFIC TRACKS

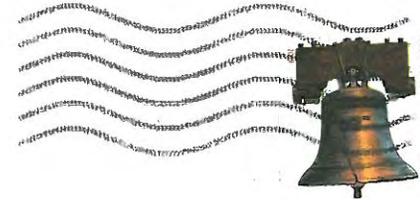
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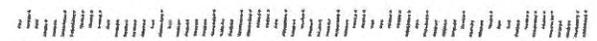
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SPENDING SO MUCH ENERGY ON THIS NEW CORRIDOR SO NOT
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURITY AS HOW IT HAS BEEN
PRESENTED BUT FOR THE EXPANSION OF NEW CORRIDORS
CREATING GREATER ACCESS INTO AREAS WHERE ACCESS WOULD
LIKELY BE DECLINED IN THE FUTURE. CURRENT UTILITY
CORRIDORS ARE THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR AN
ADDITIONAL TRANSMISSION LINE.

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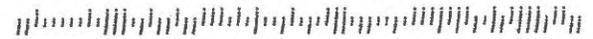
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TRAVEL THE SHORTEST DISTANCE TO SUB STATION'S, STAY OFF MILITARY
PROPERTY, GET PERMISSION TO CROSS INDIAN RESERVATION. IF NEEDED
CROSS THE BLM LAND (NO OWN IT) AND WILD LIFE AREAS. I HAVE BEEN AROUND
TRANSMISSION LINE CROSSING RANGE LANDS + MOUNTAINS AND THESE PEOPLE
KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING, THEY LEAVE A CLEAN PATH, NICE.

Gene Born - Polly Born

Kuna Idaho



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To: [Gateway BLM](#)
Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
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Not a good idea to put power lines on or near a recreation site for glider type of recreation flight. there is not very many sites at all to fly gliders. Glider pilots will fly even if the power lines are there. Eventually one of them will be in the wires. I'm sure it wouldn't be too far to move them to accomodate.

We politely as this utility to please kindheartedly consider our solicitation.

Greg

From: info@gatewaywesteis.com
To: [Gateway BLM](#)
Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
Date: Monday, June 24, 2013 7:58:40 PM

A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

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Kerry Bowen

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I feel that there has been a lot of window dressing to pacify people living on the corridor segment 7. If this power line is for the public good, then use public property to route it over. There has been an alternative route that would run the line over more public land. The proposed route was ignored with the excuse that it was too expensive. If the builder would be required to pay market rates to rent or pay a use fee to private owners the alternative would be by far the cheapest route to use. It is my impression that the paper work is too difficult to use public property. So ignore the wishes of the people and put the line the easiest and cheapest way.

From: info@gatewaywesteis.com
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Date: Monday, June 24, 2013 7:25:15 PM

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Date: Sunday, April 28, 2013 11:40:31 AM

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Please let the record show that we are VERY STRONGLY OPPOSED to the construction of the Gateway West Power lines over private property!!!

We INSIST that this power line be sited in the Birds of Prey area paralleling the existing transmission line using a new existing road that was built in 2009 with Obama stimulus money. According to BLM bird researchers and biologists, these transmission line are very suitable for hawks, eagles and other birds of prey as roosting sites. Since there are already lines in this area and they are not presenting any problems, why completely spoil other pristine landscapes over the wild Owyhee desert??

Government officials in Washington apparently have no appreciation for our fragile desert lands!! Those of us who make our homes here love the stark beauty of the wild, unspoiled landscapes. PLEASE reconsider this flawed proposal!!!!!!

From: info@gatewaywesteis.com
To: [Gateway BLM](#)
Subject: 17461 A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 7:22:45 AM

A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

Name:

Rebecca Bredehoft

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This is an important hill to the Hang gliding and Paragliding communities of the Western US. I would someday like to fly this site and would be unable to safely do so if these power lines were to be constructed. Please understand the intrinsic value of this hill to our sport and put the power lines somewhere else. Thank you!

From: [Gateway BLM](#)
To: blm@gwcomment.com
Subject: FW: Gateway West Transmission Line Project
Date: Monday, October 22, 2012 2:00:26 PM

From: George, Walter E [<mailto:wgeorge@blm.gov>]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Kerri Franklin; angie.arregui@tetrattech.com
Subject: FW: Gateway West Transmission Line Project

Please add to the Gateway West Administrative Record - - Comments on BLM's Announcement of the Preferred Alternative.

From: LEWMAMA@aol.com [<mailto:LEWMAMA@aol.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2012 1:50 PM
To: feedback; George, Walter E
Subject: Gateway Wesst Transmission Line Project

I am writing in regards to the Gateway West Transmission Line Project Segment 9. Segment 9D has 100% backing of Owyhee County citizens, Commissioners, State Representative, Governor Otter, and our 1st Congressional District. Choosing 9D would put the BLM in compliance with section 368 of the 2005 Energy Act. Also Segment 9D follows an existing 138 KV line and a brand new road built with Obama stimulus money. The environmental impact is already there. Segment 9E has been significantly altered, violating the NEPA process. Segment 9 is totally unacceptable, invading our private property, homes, agriculture economy and way of life.

Robyn Thompson
Teena Lewis
Citizens of Oreana, Idaho, Owyhee County



Feb 19, 2013

Dear Walt,



Ernie and I both appreciate your efforts to represent our position on GateWay West. We know you have our interests at heart.

We are hopeful this may encourage the decision makers to choose 9D in the FEIS.

Thanks so much
Ernie & Crise

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