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To: [Gateway BLM](#)  
Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com  
Date: Sunday, May 19, 2013 10:27:31 AM

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A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

Name:

John DeRoos

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Concerned Citizen

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ID

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Comment:

I live on Pleasant Valley Rd. in Kuna, Id. I moved here to enjoy the peace and solitude of the Idaho land. Private land. This proposed transmission line would be directly placed on my property, private property, just feet from my residence. I feel this would bring several negative impacts to my land, my health, and my peace. There are dangers with this transmission line which far outweigh the benefits it would bring to Idaho. There are other options to rerun this line, if it even must be run at all. If this project needs to go forward, for the love of all that's good and right please place this project on public land. It makes sense. Public power on public land.



From: [info@gatewaywesteis.com](mailto:info@gatewaywesteis.com)  
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I strongly support segment 8 and segment 9D and oppose the "BLM Preferred Routes" (segment 8B and 9E and proponent's proposed segment 9) as expressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The BLM Preferred Routes will burden private citizens with millions of additional costs.

Please listen to the citizens affected by this project. Please consider the impact on the local homeowners!

Thank you.



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**To:** [Gateway BLM](#)  
**Subject:** A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com  
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A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

**Name:**  
Jennifer Dorning

**Organization:**

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Please do whatever you can to move the proposed power lines from Test Hill (Gillette property). There are fewer and fewer places in the United States for pilots to safely hangglide and paraglide. Please don't let us knowingly lose this one. The powerlines would stop it forever here, and make it extremely dangerous if people chose to continue flying with the powerlines installed.

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It would really be sad to see power lines installed along the "Test" Hill as this would be a major impact on the residences that live below and the local hanggliding/paragliding community. Please find another less "impactful" area to install these power lines. Thanks in advance!

From: [jmclain@blm.gov](mailto:jmclain@blm.gov) on behalf of [Gateway West Trans Line, BLM WY](#)  
To: [blm@gwcomment.com](mailto:blm@gwcomment.com)  
Subject: Fwd: NPS Comments, DEC-13/0087F: Gateway West 230/345/500-kV Transmission Line Project (Idaho and Wyoming), Land Use Plan Amendments  
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 3:20:12 PM  
Attachments: [attachment.zip](#)

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From: <[noreply@nps.gov](mailto:noreply@nps.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 4:46 PM  
Subject: NPS Comments, DEC-13/0087F: Gateway West 230/345/500-kV Transmission Line Project (Idaho and Wyoming), Land Use Plan Amendments  
To: [gateway\\_west\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:gateway_west_wymail@blm.gov)  
Cc: [imrextrev@nps.gov](mailto:imrextrev@nps.gov), [roxanne\\_runkel@nps.gov](mailto:roxanne_runkel@nps.gov)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached please find NPS comments on DEC-13/0087F, the Gateway West 230/345/500-kV Transmission Line Project (Idaho and Wyoming), Land Use Plan Amendments .

If you have questions, please contact David Hurd at [imrextrev@nps.gov](mailto:imrextrev@nps.gov).

NPS Comments on Gateway West 230/345/500-kV Transmission Line Project (Idaho and Wyoming),  
Land Use Plan Amendments

While the precise routing of the transmission line is being determined, the project planners should note that numerous state- and locally-owned public parks along the route are perpetually protected solely for public outdoor recreation purposes by the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act enforced by the National Park Service. Installing the transmission line within one of these LWCF-protected boundaries -- known as the "6(f) Boundary" for section 6(f) of the LWCF Act -- may provoke a conversion requiring acquisition of a replacement parcel equal to highest and best economic value in current dollars. If the project planners believe the transmission line's routing will come close to a state- or locally-owned public park, please contact this Martha Droge at [Martha\\_j\\_droge@nps.gov](mailto:Martha_j_droge@nps.gov).

Thanks, Martha Droge

# Final EIS Comment Form

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Gateway West Transmission Line Project

Final EIS comment period: April 26, 2013 - June 28, 2013

Date: 6-28-13

First Name: Mike

Last Name: Ellis

Organization or Office Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit your comments by **June 28, 2013**. Information submitted on this form is being voluntarily provided solely for the purpose of commenting on the Gateway West Transmission Line Project.

Comment:

Please see attachments for comment



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My name is Mike Ellis. I am the manager of Difficulty Creek Ranch which is owned by Foxley & Co. The Ellis family has been on this ranch since 1899, this is my home, and I would like to comment on the Gateway West Transmission project.

I strongly disapprove of the route from the substation at the junction of WY highway 77 and 487 to the proposed Aeolus substation. This part of the route goes through Foxley & Co property which is very rough country consisting of mainly red soil and very steep, high red rim rock. This country has sparse vegetation and when the vegetation is damaged it is difficult for it to recover. It is also prone to extreme erosion especially after it has been disturbed. The impact during the construction phase of this project would be extremely severe.

This part of the route is also crucial winter range for the very large Shirley Mountain Elk herd and a struggling Mule Deer population. There is also a diminishing population of Sage Grouse within the power line corridor. In addition, it is also very unique in its geology, nearly all of the geologic formations are exposed so one can study them. The University of Wyoming has spent years studying this area.

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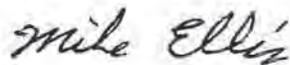
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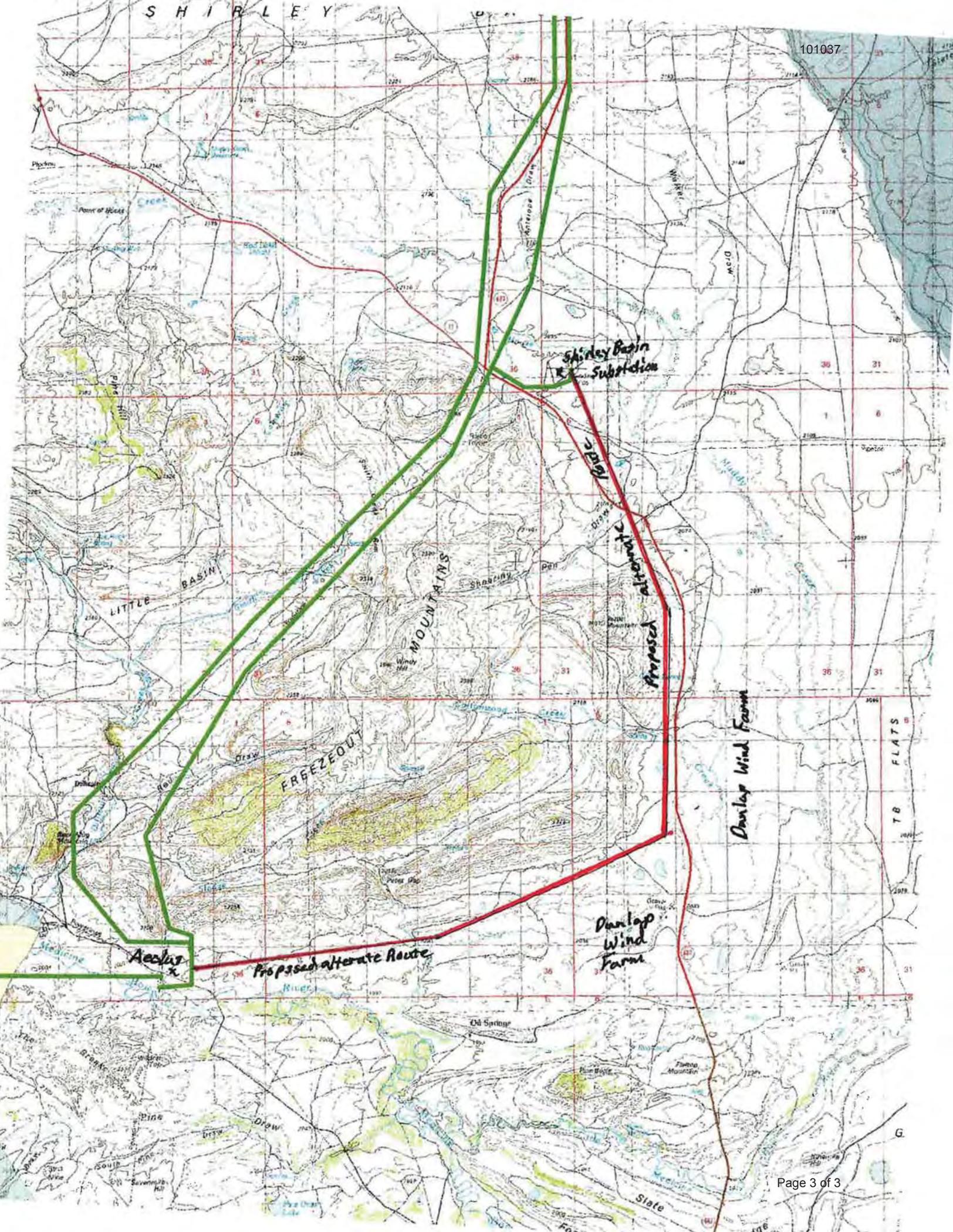
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comment.

Regards,

Mike Ellis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Ellis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.



LITTLE BASIN

MOUNTAINS

FREEZEOUT

Shirley Basin R. Substation

Proposed

Danlap Wind Farm

Aeolus

Proposed alternate Route

Danlap Wind Farm

TO FLATS

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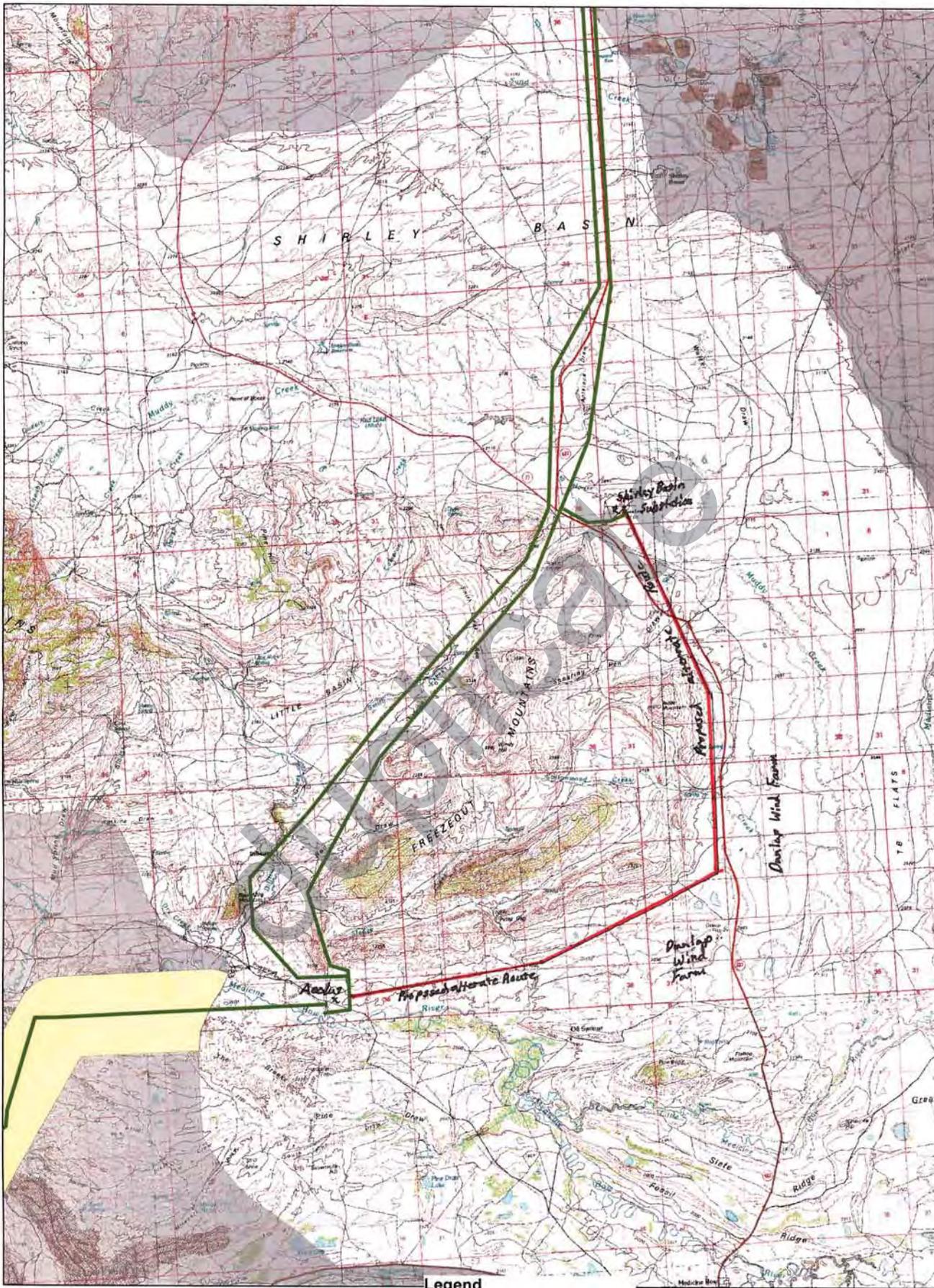
Regards,

Mike Ellis

*Mike Ellis*

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## Legend

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- Final Core TranCorridor
- Greater Sage-Grouse Core Area



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A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

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John Erramouspe

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Erramouspe Family

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My Father (Albert Erramouspe) owns parcels RP0160900 and RP0161500 and my Uncle (Mike Erramouspe) owns parcels RP0161100 and RP0161400. My family no longer owns parcels RP0163600 and RP0163500 even though the online map still reflects us as owners. We sold the latter two parcels of ground in 2009 because they were harder for us to maintain, less desirable ground than the land we retained, and we had a buyer who wanted the ground for hunting and cattle ranching purposes similar to our own. We have raised cattle and hunted deer and elk on the parcels of ground our family retained for many years. This farm represents a multi-generation family farm and hunting area that we have taken great care to maintain. One alternative proposal for building the Gateway West Transmission Line (alternative 5A) comes right through the middle of our farm (both lines). The Erramouspe Family is vehemently opposed to this alternative and feel it will cause irreparable harm to

the land and what we have maintained it for, especially the hunting environment. The amount of roads required to be built just to erect the towers as well as the immense size of the towers and lines themselves would forever change the intent for which the farm is maintained in our family. The proposed lines would enter and exit our property from private property owned by other farmers who border us. It seems that in the case of our neighbors' farms and the Erramouspe Farm, the impact of the line would maximize negative effects on private property owners. This seems especially inappropriate with the large amount of BLM ground bordering the Erramouspe Farm on the North end. We have no intention in selling these remaining parcels of land but the devaluation of the land due to the proposed project, especially as it pertains to the use of the land as a hunting area, would be staggering. We sincerely request that you do not pursue this alternative as a viable option.

John Erramouspe  
Albert Erramouspe  
Mike Erramouspe  
Betty Erramouspe  
Debra Erramouspe

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Date: 6-26-13

First Name: Richard & Sue Last Name: Jarner

Organization or Office Name: Home owners

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We have for the past 3 or 4  
Comments and meetings said  
that we want these lines  
to go thru Birds of prey  
BLM - where the power lines  
already run -  
We support Segment 8 & Segment 9D

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A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

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There is absolutely no need for dual routes both north and south of the river. There is no legitimate reason why this monstrosity is being routed through suburban Meridan and Kuna. It's unfortunate that these plans are submitted for public review only after decisions have already been made, both by Idaho Power and by the BLM. Route this through the desert south of the Snake River and keep it out of my neighborhood!

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**From:** jmclain@blm.gov on behalf of Gateway\_West\_Trans\_Line, BLM\_WY  
[blm\_wy\_gateway\_west\_trans\_line@blm.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2013 1:03 PM  
**To:** blm@gwcomment.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Gateway West Transmission Line

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**From:** **John Firth** <[jcfirth84@gmail.com](mailto:jcfirth84@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Sat, Jun 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM  
**Subject:** Final Environmental Impact Statement for Gateway West Transmission Line  
**To:** [Gateway\\_West\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov)

We are very much opposed to transmission lines crossing prime irrigated cropland in Cassia County. One line is very detrimental, but once a corridor is established, it will be very easy for additional power lines to be constructed. The EIS should take this into account, as the ultimate damage to agriculture could be catastrophic.

John and Carolyn Firth

11-2-12  
Secretary Ken Salazar  
U.S. Dept of the Interior  
1849 C. Street N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I was recently notified that your Washington Office reversed a decision of your local office in Boise, Idaho concerning the Power Transmission Line known as the Gateway project.

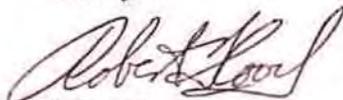
It is very disappointing to hear that those located in D.C. would even think of overriding a plan that had been through a 3 ½ year process involving the BLM, Conservationists, The power utilities, local state government, local farmers and landholders. A decision that negatively impacts so many people versus the plan that had been worked out by the committee makes me lose confidence in your process.

I understand the 2005 energy act and also the purpose of the BLM is to protect the environment and the citizens of the U.S.A.

The committee that made the original decision, using all the data available, concluded that the path they choose would have the least impact on the environment and also the least impact on the local communities.

It is my hope you reverse your position and trust the local people who made the original decision.

Thank you



Robert Flood  
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Boise, Idaho 83702  
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CC. Walt George, Gateway Project Manager  
John Chatburn, Acting Director- Idaho office of Energy Resources  
Doug Docter, Manager 500 kV Projects, Idaho Power

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Walt George  
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I have followed this project from 2008. I sometimes  
was active in its proposed route.

I now find it interesting, and rather disappointing that  
with the staff of the BLM in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho,  
the Idaho governor's office, the local land holders, and county  
govt and city governments, conservationist groups, and  
numerous public meetings, a route ~~was~~ finally agreed  
upon by all these participants was trashed. By whom?  
a bureaucrat from Washington. And please don't use  
the excuse given. That means all the BLM managers and  
employees do not know the laws & regulations.

But also I find it interesting that no one from Washington  
attended the latest Public Input hearings.

I presume Washington knows what's best for us out west!!

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Date: 5-19-13

First Name: Eric

Last Name: Forsgren

Organization or Office Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am writing in regard to the Gateway West Transmission Line Project and its proposed route thru Canyon Country Idaho. The BLM has proposed that this particular portion of the route run thru private land rather than the Birds of Prey area. BLM has proposed this route despite the objections of citizens, communities, and Idaho Power. The only response that I can tell is that BLM is concerned that running the line thru Birds of Prey would negatively impact such



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Name:

Eric Forsgren



Birds by harming the small mammal population. I have lived here my entire life and have not seen any reduction but have seen an increase. The proposed line could follow existing lines thru the Wildlife area, reducing impact to small mammals. I have seen many birds of prey nesting in existing lines. I believe new lines would be used in much the same way. If the route ran thru private land as BLM has proposed, it would impact families that have farmed that land for generations. It could also affect the economy of the area if these families were no longer able to farm. Running these lines thru private land is a bad idea. Please ~~be~~ consider following Idaho Power, community input, and general citizen feelings and route the lines thru Birds of Prey.

Thank You.

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Date: June 25, 2013

First Name: Lawrence

Last Name: Fox

Organization or Office Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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My property is in segment 4 on maps 52-53  
I also have the 345 KV Bridger lines crossing it.  
I would like to see the gateway towers made  
as un-friendly to raptors as possible. Just this  
week a officer from IDFG was here to collect  
a golden eagle who's foot had become caught in  
the lattice style framing of the powerline towers  
that they use for nesting and hunting  
perches. We used to have a good population  
of sage grouse, now they are gone since the  
eagles moved in and made use of the  
existing powerline towers that bi-sected the



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grouse strutting grounds.

The Gateway project will cross right through the best of the sharp-tail leks on my ranch and I would hate to see them disappear also. By building the powerline the habitat on the ground and feed for grouse will not change but I am afraid that the constant hunting pressure from above will be more than they can stand to maintain a population.

If possible please build the towers or put something on them so that the eagles are un-able to use them.

Thanks,

Sammy Cox

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Regarding the rout for the transmission line in the Melba Idaho area.

The line should go as far south of the snake river as possible and stay in Owyhee County.

That would be the BLM preferred Alternate south of the snake river.

This area is not good habitat for wild game or sage grouse in particular,  
The rout shown through the Melba is absolutely not acceptable. It would be extremely harmful to our valley and community.

Please keep it out of Canyon county.....Thanks

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Reference to segment 8, 8d on map

This rout should not cross the melba valley. It would be disruptive to an important agriculture area. The impact on our towns, farms, homes and health is to great. Our valley is small and these huge towers could ruin the valley.

There is plenty of room to run the lines through the NCA south of Kuna, crossing the snake river and through Public land to the Hemingway Substation. If you have to cross farm or ranch land do it where it is the least effect on the residences.



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*From the Lockett Family*



The Melba Idaho area is a very beautiful and important, productive agricultural area. We can not have these hideous 20 story power towers crossing our valley period. Every one will be affected. Agriculture is the main buisness here and our valley is quite small. To small to have it destroyed. The noise from the lines will be a constant problem and who knows how the electrical current will affect our health. Every one traveling north will have to pass under them and they will be a constant eye sore.

There is plenty of room south of the snake river, south of Kuna on public land to run the lines and that is where they need to be. They need to be routed so they are not close to or crossing our homes, farms and towns.

Your representatives ask us where we were ten years ago when this started. Well we were here and would not have aproved these crossing our valley then or now.

The BLM is employed by the people and you are failing us. You should have known we would not aproved your actions. You should and could be working with the power Co. To design the towers so they will meet curent regulations and make them exceptable for crossing the birds of pray NCA on public land. You should be working with our legislators in Washington crafting a variance to curent regulations so the lines can cross Birds of pray NCA.

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*I don't feel it best to put those 20-30 package  
 acres in Melba residents' vicinity on or highly traveled  
 roads such as Melba Blvd or Melmont Road  
 or Highway 45 State Highway 78. Put them through  
 the Burke of Prey. The birds will adapt just like the  
 owls did in Chayton State when the lumber*

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*industry was shut down. The owls found  
 new territory and have adjusted very well. In  
 fact <sup>hills</sup> people will adjust to the towers in our  
 fields and roads.*

*Secondly they will reduce the value of our farms  
 and we do not need that in the economy. 1/2*

If the value of land is reduced will that  
reduce the tax base on each piece of personal  
property? Doesn't state need all the  
tax money they can get?



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Date: 5-7-2013

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I am the ranch manager for Leone/John Hay with land in section 25 just south and east of the Fort Fred Steele Historical sight. We have a house along Fort Steele Road between the State Rest Area and the Fort and have several neighbors on each side.

The initial proposals (now marked 2A and 2B) would have been directly across our land and very, very near to our physical dwelling. They would have been within 1/2 mile of at least 2 separate bald eagle nests that we know of. The lines also would have been expected to cause problems with our cattle, horses and most importantly our children (ages 5 & 7.)

The current proposed/preferred route crosses Interstate 80 prior to getting close the North Platte River and we agree that crossing there makes much more sense than crossing so near to our houses and the Historical Site at Fort Steele.

We would appreciate if the lines stay to the south of I80 as they cross the N. Platte River and feel it would be much less disruptive to the human and wild life.

Thank You.

Gary Gilbert  
& Leone Hay



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I have been running a Flying School on Water Canyon and Test Hill for the past 40 years. I have taught 100rds of flyers to come off the top of Test Hill just where you are proposing to put this line. I am very much opposed to it being put there.

We also have a Golden Eagle that nests in the Water Canyon. It would ruin that nesting habit, I don't know if a Golden Eagle is as valuable as the Sage Grouse but it is here.

From what I can tell the 7E route would be the best of the worst situation. I would really prefer you put them underground.

Frank Gillette

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I have heard of the impact on the sage grouse but very little about a study of the impact a line would have on our financial and health issues. We are living in a housing development at the foot of the south hills, Water Canyon. I work on the computer 8 to 10 hours a day. I enjoy watching television. I understand these lines would effect the reception of both of these things.

I don't need to have a study done to tell me it would effect the value of our property.

Put the lines underground then it would be an eye sore, the grouse would be happy and so would the rest of us.

Lorna Gillette

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I live in Owyhee County, Idaho. I endorse segment 9D as the only route this project should take since there is already an existing line there and a road that was paid for by the tax payers. All other routes cross private property and very sensitive geological areas (Lake Idaho) and wild habitat (sage grouse).

It would be ashame to tear all this up when there is the already a viable route. Once accessed by new roads and the structures needed for this project we will have lost valuable historical ground that can't be reclaimed. As well the routes proposed other then thru the "birds of prey" area is at an added cost to the project in itself.

I also support the "a phased decision" to allow the citizens of Owyhee county a voice in the routing of this project.

Terry Goicoechea Jensen

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Date: 11 May 2013

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Last Name: GREENE

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PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE BY BLM LOOKS LIKE THE BEST CHOICE. SOME INTEREST GROUPS WILL ALWAYS BE UNHAPPY BUT, DECISIONS ON PUBLIC LANDS NEED TO BE MADE FOR THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF THE PUBLIC. GOOD JOB! LETS GET STARTED.

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Comments:

We are protesting the Gateway proposed route through Owyhee County. Most of Owyhee County's private land runs up the State Highway 78 corridor. This includes our communities, our ranchers and our farmers. These people and these communities are important to Owyhee County.

Owyhee County has thousands of acres of public lands that are uninhabited. It is unnecessary to install a high power voltage line through communities when there are several other alternatives. We have been following the Gateway project and it has become clear to us that Owyhee County residents are not being listened to. We do not ask that the project go away. We ask that this line be constructed on the thousands of acres of public land that are available.

There are several alternatives in place already mapped out that would not interfere with Owyhee County ranchers, farmers and communities. With all of the meetings, comment periods and studies we are surprised to note that the proposed route is still right through our communities.

We understand that you are receiving comments from several communities outside of Owyhee County such as Ada and Canyon Counties. Their voice is going to sound louder than ours for the simple fact that their population is much larger than ours. However, the project is not proposed to go right through their communities. It is proposed to go through our communities however.

If the only alternatives were Owyhee County communities or the Birds of Prey I suggest you construct this line through the Birds of Prey. I doubt the birds will mind this intrusion as much as our farmers and ranchers will. However, this is not the only alternative. There are several already mapped out and I am sure several more that have never been mapped.

Take this project away from our communities. Use the public lands available to you. This is not Los Angeles where there isn't any public land. We are surprised we have to point this fact out however we are happy to do so.

Ross & Toni Gruenwald  
20803 State Highway 78  
Murphy, ID 83650

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Re: Gateway West Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to oppose the Gateway West Route 8D. I would strongly encourage the Route 8 which would run south of the current 345 KW lines. The reasons I oppose the Gateway West Route 8D are listed below.

The Gateway West Route 8D would run right next to our property. We have 120 acres, 15 of which is farmed and planning to expand further next year. We are in the process of building a home within the next few months. We have 2 small children. The reason we chose to build and farm in this particular area was to raise our kids in a safe environment, free from health and safety concerns. Gateway West Route 8D would negatively impact our farming in the following ways.

- 1.) Our farm land is irrigated using surface flow, hand lines and wheel lines. Hand lines, center pivot, and wheel line irrigation would be almost impossible near the 500 KV transmission line. And according to the Occupational Safety Health Agency rules require farm workers to stay more than 100 feet of the lines.
- 2.) Many safety and health concerns have been observed near 500 KV Transmission lines. Operating machinery and equipment around transmission towers would be dangerous. Bonneville Power Administration suggests that maximum equipment height under a 500 kv transmission line should be no greater than 14 feet. Most farm equipment is taller than 14 feet and could put me, my family, and my workers in great harm.
- 3.) Operating irrigation equipment around towers and low hanging lines would be hazardous. Hand line pipes are 40 feet long and could easily run into a low hanging line that is 38 feet above ground.
- 4.) Aerial spraying would be impossible for several miles on both sides. Untreated areas become vectors for the spread of disease and could result in crop loss.
- 5.) OSHA sets limits on the distance farm workers must keep when working near high voltage electrical lines and can greatly impact our growing farm.

- 6.) It is also being researched and believed that low productivity in cattle is directly related to high voltage power lines as well as being linked to certain types of cancer.

For the above reasons we strongly encourage Route 8. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (208) 866-2007.

Very truly yours,



Dale A. Gust

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DO  
Please do NOT run these lines across our private  
land. The Morley Nelson Birds of Prey area is  
much better suited for these types of lines.

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Please support putting this line across the people's federal land along the agreed upon route through the birds of prey area.

Thank you  
Don Hamilton

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**To:** [blm@gwcomment.com](mailto:blm@gwcomment.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Gateway West transmission line route for the Boise Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, February 14, 2013 12:45:54 PM

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**Subject:** Gateway West transmission line route for the Boise Valley  
**To:** [gateway\\_west\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:gateway_west_wymail@blm.gov)

Sir,

**PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING! The "Gateway West" transmission line placement should be changed back to the State and LOCAL RESIDENT/LAND OWNER PREFERRED ROUTE!!!!" You need to agree with the local residents and approve routing this line across the previously agreed upon corridor with the bulk of it on public (BLM) ground. Construction of this line is stated to be "for the common public good" , , , It should be routed across the public's (of which we are members of too) land.**

I have lived within ten miles of the current Snake River Birds of Prey area for my entire life of almost 63 years. For approximately the last eleven years, we have lived right across the road from it. During that time I have bird watched, hiked, exercised our dogs, hunted, worked, and fished within its current boundaries. As residents of the area, we observe birds of prey in ways that weekend and part time bird studiers and watchers cannot.

Believe me when I tell you that the current power lines across the bird area have minimal to no impact on the resident and migratory bird populations. Many of the eagles, hawks and owls take advantage of the existing power line towers for hunting, roosting and observation posts.

I ask of you again, please put this line where it belongs, on next to existing lines on  
PUBLIC LAND!

Sincerely Don & Betty Hamilton 8003 S Robinson, Melba ID, 83641

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A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

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I am a recreational pilot for ultralight aircraft. I've been flying this site for the past 13 years. My mentor/instructor has been flying it for the past 40 years. We would ask that you would reconsider building on this site, and ask you to consider moving your project further south. On the southeast side of Declo, ID the project is going to run directly across valuable property for home owners and hang gliders and paragliders. It will bring down property value, as well as agricultural and dairy land, and completely destroy the launch site used by many sportsmen in the area. I feel that an alternate route is possible, and more beneficial for the people in this county. Please reconsider your placement of this project.



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Along the rim of the Snake River would be the most logical path. Check it out!

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*This project should be run through public funds not private. I am appalled that Birds are being placed above people. It is time that the government stop its strong arm tactics, the people have spoken over & over that this project be put on public lands. Do what is right for the people & that is build on public lands.*

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It's time to listen to the people. This should be ran thru public land not private. We work hard to own + preserve our FREEDOM ~~to~~ own our property. Government needs to start working for + listening to the people the ones who are paying your salary, the ones who voted, listen to the honest not Governments Greed!

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P.S. What if this was your <sup>personal</sup> land You would be mad too.

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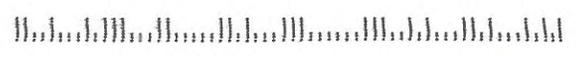
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Comment:

I do not see the impact to property owners who are not agricultural. My property, although only slightly touched by the primary route, is my retirement property. I purchased it 28 years ago and now that I'm within just a few years of retirement I find that the transmission line will be within a few hundred feet of the ideal building spot for my home and now instead of an unobstructed view to the South and the Uinta mountains, I'll be looking at power lines!

I'm assuming these power lines are similar to what was just run through Tooele while I was on Active Duty with the military over the last year. They definitely detract from the beauty of the natural landscape, as do the roads that were cut to complete the installation.

Is there an option for the BLM to swap my 40 acres for 40 acres that will not be impacted by this project?

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Comment:

To whom this concerns  
I have reviewed the information with respect  
to Segment Seven and Cassia County, I believe the  
best siting for this in Cassia County is the 7K alternate  
route. This is a route after consideration of county that  
we have ~~chosen~~ to be the best for the residents. It  
also gives room for additional lines. Better yet keep them  
all north with Section 6.

To put the health and safety of the residents of  
this county secondary to the Seg here is an atrocity. It does  
not take long to find plenty of information of the detrimental  
effects that types of lines have on humans and animals  
over.

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Ryan Hawker



To waive ~~of~~ the request of the County official and the work that has gone into finding an acceptable route is just wrong. It brings out the ineffectivity of the proponents of the Century ~~project~~ project and the BLM.

To ~~forever~~ impair the use and enjoyment of our land and inhibit the ability to farm or use it in the customary way is just plain wrong.

If it costs more to go around this populated area than ~~it~~ is still what needs to be done.

Another thing that comes to mind is if ~~we~~ recall correctly this power plant near Casper WY is a coal-fired plant. Does not this administration trying to phase out coal use for power?

Have not heard this issue addressed. Are we taking power from the Northwest to replace it? If so, it is not in the best interest of the Northwest to support the claim at all.

<sup>and submitted</sup> The short I feel if this line is to come through Cassia County it should be in accordance to where the county feel it is best for the county and residents of the county. This route is alternate 7K. The impact to the Sage Hen is less than it is to the health and welfare of the Nezperce residents of this county.

Ryan Hawker

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Comment:

The citizens of the western United States are saddled with majority percentages of the land in their states belonging to the federal government. Admittedly there are some benefits that come from this relationship. One of the benefits should be that projects such as this one are build on federal lands. Our economy will suffer with the permanent loss of valuable farmland. Put this line on BLM desert land where it does the least harm to people. People are far more important than any weed, bug, bird, snake or other animal, endangered or not. This project is to benefit the public. Put it on public land!

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Date: 5-14-13

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Name:

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Why don't you County Laws We have to

Why not put these on Public Lands Sage Grouse don't pay taxes

Why do we have to support California's Power

Why do our rates always go up

I going to find Sage Grouse  
"make that will stop you

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Comment:

I am very concerned with this line coming in so close to my home and it follows all the way down the only road into my home. I have a pacemaker and know for fact that these high voltage lines mess with my pacemaker. When I got my first pacemaker we had a farm with one of these lines on the farm, I could not go near it with out shutting me down. Then Idaho power came to my father in law and bought a second easement for another line, well Idaho power paid me 5000.00 to move away from the farm which we did, now you didn't use that easement because of the Japanese camp was on that line. You say you did an impact study, did you study anything about what it will do to me, no! You didn't even talk to me or ask any of use going to be near this line. I guess I'm going to find an attorney to help me with this. I'm not just going to give in.



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I am concerned about the amount of private land being used for a government/BLM project. I am also very concerned that a study of the economic stress on the private land owners was not addressed.

It seems to me that if a sage grouse was important enough to have a through study made - WHY isn't private land owners given the same consideration.

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A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

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Considering segments 5 and 7 of the Final EIS, Gateway West Transmission Line Project.

I enjoy visiting my daughter who lives along the Deep Creek Range near Rockland, Idaho. I have recreated in and near Big Canyon, The East Fork of Rock Creek, Cold Creek and Little Creek and have enjoyed the scenery of the Deep Creek Range very much. I am unhappy to learn that the Gateway West Transmission line is proposed to travel across the entire west side of these mountains. It is a shame to ruin yet another mountain range with transmission lines.

I understand that buried lines are now being utilized in many cases. However, buried lines were not studied for Gateway West. This is a great omission of the final EIS. Overhead transmission lines have scarred the west for long enough. Buried lines must be seriously considered for Gateway West and all

other new transmission lines.

Sincerely,

Toni Hill

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Comment:

I've seen sage grouse on a lek near  
Oreanao. There is nothing high, no powerpoles or cliffs  
or trees, that raptors can perch on or roost on.  
If the powerlines are located near a lek then  
the raptors will have places to perch & will  
increase their predation on the grouse. The grouse  
will be negatively affected by putting powerpoles  
near their leks. The raptors will not be  
negatively affected by having more powerpoles in  
the birds of prey area. The raptors use the  
powerpoles for roosts & perches.

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*I have commented previously and have nothing more to say except it is my opinion that what the people in Idaho say doesn't matter. BLM + the power companies involved are only concerned with what the so called conservation back east want. Why not listen to those who live here? Let those back east take care of the east + let Idaho take care of Idaho. It is very disgusting to have New Yorkers, DC folks, and other easterners telling how to manage our great state!!!*

*Land it was told at one of your meetings the east wouldn't let them go through certain areas.*  
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Our 4 year food supplies for us to eat would be seriously depleted from the farms across

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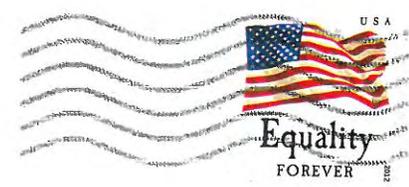
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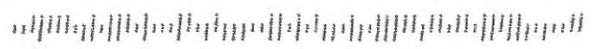
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This project should not cross private land. Private land in the state is almost all agricultural land that is food producing for the entire country and the world.

Don't take ~~public~~ <sup>private</sup> land. The towers will not bother the sage grouse. It will inhibit agriculture.



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is using bogus issues such as "sage grouse" to prevent the use of public land doesn't make it right to use private land.

3. If the lands must go through agricultural land they should be put underground. This technology is in use in Europe and should be an option here

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Thank you once again for giving me this opportunity to provide comment on the Gateway Transmission Line Project (the Project). I do not support the Project as proposed and I am fully aware that Project will likely proceed as planned in spite of my concerns and the concerns of similar minded citizens. However, I do want to respond to the Project as proposed by the Rocky Mountain Power Company and Idaho Power Company (the Power Companies).

I am extremely uncomfortable and threatened with the Project as I have understood it. Why? because the Power Companies are publicly owned and primarily beholden to their shareholders to provide financial gains. In my opinion, this project is more about selling power to California and elsewhere, with extra power provided by a less populated region of the country that have surplus power to sell, like Wyoming and Idaho. I just can't imagine that the Project is really all about the needs of citizens of Idaho or Wyoming but more about profits gained from selling power to huge markets elsewhere in the country. Yet, I and my fellow citizens will be asked to sacrifice our environment quality for your power lines, your profits, and to provide power to other regions of the country.

Even if the Project is purely about the needs of the citizens of Idaho and Wyoming, I am still not willing to let the beauty and natural energy of the Owyhee Mountains be sacrificed for the Gateway Projects plan to construct giant steel structures and transmission lines and run them across the lower Owyhee Mountain range, as proposed in Segment 9E of the project . Therefore, I am counting on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and hopefully Owyhee County Planning and Zoning , to protect the Owyhee Mountains for me, other citizens ,and future folks ,who enjoy the open spaces and the serene beauty the mountains ,surrounding canyons,and plateau provide, and the access they provide for riding horses and motorized vehicles, biking, and hiking. I am counting on the BLM , the State and especially Owyhee County Commissioners to protect the interests of the people who live here and not the corporate interests. I think they should demand the Project use existing power corridors wherever possible.

It is rare to have these mountains in my backyard, and they are the reason I bought 40 acres up Bates Creek Road out of Oreana. I am the last house off Pickett Creek, and I have underground wiring as well.

It is the most magical and serene place. Not a house or a light or a wire to be seen from my house to the mountains. Except for the occasional flyovers from Mountain Home, it is quiet. Coyotes, frogs, crickets and owls are what you hear at night. Every evening I walk up the hillside and get on the plateau and follow the setting sun, not a soul in site usually, and ahead lay the vibrant Owyhee Mountains. Not too far from where an alternative proposed route 9E was offered up, by a few individuals, to the BLM and Power Companies out of desperation to keep them away from Oreana. Everyone is desperate here to keep these obtrusive ugly and unhealthy structures out of their eyesight, and out of their backyard, something a Company or shareholder could care less about, despite the propaganda in brochure that says they are not that noticeable. Trust me they are, I see them everytime when I drive the highway to town. But I would rather see them along the highway, and leave the areas away from the roads alone.

My neighbor, Stephanie Teeter, organizes 12 horse endurance rides a year and besides me, people come from all over the USA, Canada, Europe, Australia, Middle East, the World actually, to ride in our beautiful open area, of high desert, mountains, the snake river, mesas, canyons, winding creeks. With the help of BLM and private landowners we can ride for miles in any direction, in an unspoiled area. You can see forever when you are on top of the plateau, the sky's the limit. In 3 directions you will not see a building let alone a power line. Our rides cover a distance from 30, 50, 75, and 100 miles so we have all gotten to know the area intimately, not just staring at the beauty, but riding amongst it. The Proposed 9E alternative goes directly through this area below the mountains.

I am worried in this day and age where there is a disregard for nature and natural beauty and the benefits we as people reap from being in nature; much has been sacrificed in our world for financial gains. Financial profit and loss are often how decisions are made. I have seen firsthand the Northern Spotted Owl sacrificed for logging interests, and ask any experts, they are on their way to extinction, another species gone. Money comes and goes but once you destroy something, a species, and ecosystem, you often never get it back, and only later realize the benefits it had. I know it does not really matter on a grand scale that I am fighting for the surrounding area of the Owyhee Mountains from the stance of beauty alone, against two giant corporations, that is not going to be reason enough for them to be protected in this day and age. How about the health issues, the correlations of high voltage lines and cancer? How about the issue of protecting the Greater Sage Grouse's habitat? What is it going to take for us to protect ourselves and our area from these two Power Companies?

I believe that the best way is to limit stress on the environment and limit the degradation of the natural beauty of the environment. To do this the Project would need to utilize existing power corridors and not to encroach on our existing open spaces. I mentioned this to three different Power company personnel at a previous informative meeting in Murphy. I told them I thought they should be using all existing power corridors, why did they have all these new proposed routes? They told me they could not use existing corridors where there were already transmission lines because they were worried about fires, redundancy. Their argument still did not make any sense, I don't think that is a good theory on their part, but they happened to live in Salt Lake City and this was not in their backyard. Furthermore, I believe that there is an increase risk of fire from the Project. We that live on Bates Creek road worry about fires because we are out of fire district. I have noticed that the Owyhees get most of the weather, the snow, the rain, and the electrical storms which increases the risk of fire in the region. I believe that putting the transmission towers and lines right above us would increase our chance for fires thus making it very dangerous for surrounding small communities. I am convinced

there are more chances for fires on the 9E proposal. The cheapest, less risky and most efficient plan would be for the Companies to use existing power corridors whenever possible, it makes no sense what so ever in my mind to do anything else.

Furthermore, I understand private landowners will be compensated for any encroachment on their land. I don't own land around the Owyhee Mountains where the Route 9E and Segment 9 are proposed to go. It is mostly BLM land which is why my letter is directed to you. I am not sure BLM would be compensated, but I am a citizen of this country, and it belongs to the government to manage, so it is my land too. I want to say NO AMOUNT of money could be offered in exchange for putting the proposed Route 9E below the Owyhee Mountains. And no amount of money could be offered me that could replace the feeling I get riding and hiking here, or sitting on my land enjoying the natural beauty in all the changing seasons.

In conclusion, I am pleading to the BLM to protect the surrounding area and the Owyhee Mountains, and demand the Companies use as much as possible existing routes that already have transmission poles and lines.

I strongly oppose Segment 9 as it traverses private property , will destroy our beauty and natural habitat.

I strongly oppose 9E which impacts our open space, where we hike and ride, and private and historical property and the endangered Sage grouse.

I also strongly oppose 9G . It has unacceptable impacts to cliff nesting and riparian nesting raptors. It also spoils the natural beauty we so strongly value.

If there has to be more power lines then I do support 9D . The route should follow existing 138-kVline including the section where it crosses the Snake River Canyon ,just upstream from Swan Falls. It will have less environmental impact because of the existing road. 9D will not adversely affect raptors and if properly designed could enhance raptor populations. The BLM should encourage Idaho Power to stack the new 500-KV line on the existing 139-KV line.

I also strongly endorse the Phased Decision , this will allow more time for the citizens and the BLM to find better solutions to the problems this project is creating for private citizens and wildlife by destroying their natural habitat and place of worship.

**Thank You**

**Connie Holloway**

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- Private citizens should not be burdened with the cost and intrusion of high voltage lines going through private property, when there are options to go through BLM ground. The proposed routes by BLM (segment 8B, 9E + segment 9) are opposed. I SUPPORT segment 8 and segment 9D. The proposal hurts agriculture and places undue burden on private citizens and the communities they live in. The value of our homes and land will suffer if this proposal of the BLM goes through.

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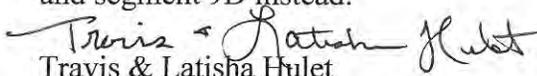
To Whom It May Concern:

We strongly **SUPPORT** segment 8 and Segment 9D and **OPPOSE** the “BLM Preferred Routes” (segment 8 B ad 9E and proponent’s proposed segment 9) as expressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

We live and own property in Melba and will be adversely impacted if the BLM Preferred Routes are adopted for the Gateway West Project. This project is placing a burden on the private property owners, and instead should be routed through BLM ground where the impact is minimal and the benefits that the project will bring to the general public—will exist on “the public’s ground.”

We own and operate property that produces crops, and our livelihood will be compromised by this proposal. High voltage power lines are a risk for aerial fertilizer applicators and large pieces of farm machinery, compromising our ability to care for our crops and also our ability to operate pivots on our ground. It is unreasonable that the proposed route will take productive farm ground out of use, while infertile stage brush ground that the BLM has jurisdiction over, is being protected. The needs of citizens should be a first priority, rather than the agendas of a few special interest groups.

The noise of the lines can be heard from a long distance and it will ruin the aesthetic aspect of our home, and significantly impact the value of our home and property. We are not comfortable having high voltage power lines near our home, compromising the safety and health of our family. This proposal places an unreasonable burden on private citizens and we disagree with the actions of both Idaho Power and the BLM. For those reasons, we strongly **OPPOSE** the “BLM Preferred Routes,” and strongly **SUPPORT** segment 8 and segment 9D instead.

  
Travis & Latisha Hulet  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

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If you have questions, please contact David Hurd at [imrextrev@nps.gov](mailto:imrextrev@nps.gov).

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Thanks, Martha Droge

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Walt this is Lamar isaak we have a farm south of American falls just south and east of I 86.

We have seen some preliminary plans of the blm And are confused why you would try to cross the corridor lines to go north of the corridor. When in some ways going south of the corridor makes more sense and less impact to the ferry hollow drainage which winters deer elk pheasants and a few grouse. In regards to what it means to me we have land in both positions on the ms you will see Duane and Lamar. Martin bracket trust my wife's family bulholz and Lamar plain. I would like to visit with you I am not an opponent I know. We need the power lines I just want it to go where it least impacts the wildlife I so appreciate the north route that goes east to the substation definitely would impact wildlife more than on the south. Side of the corridor Lamar

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I hope to fly Test Hill someday. I hope that power lines are not put across or on top of the hill.

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*John Jones*

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I ~~strongly~~ strongly believe, after looking at all the documentation and material the BLM provided at their open house in Kuna, ID that the site IMPS to the Owyhee mtns will be greatly impacted from my home if segment 8B is chosen instead of the original agreed upon Segment 8.

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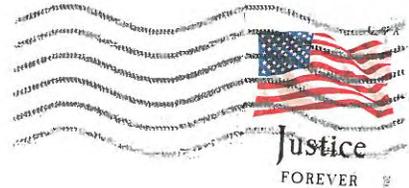
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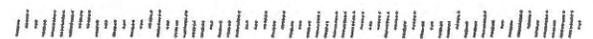
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# Final EIS Comment Form

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Final EIS comment period: April 26, 2013 - June 28, 2013



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Date: 6/25/13

First Name: Chad ~~Jones~~

Last Name: Jones

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Mailing Address: 12155 Dynamite Ln City: Kuna State: ID Zip: 83634

Daytime Phone: 208-608-4701 Email: Chad.j.jones1@gmail.com

Please check here if you wish for your personal information to remain confidential\*

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Please submit your comments by **June 28, 2013**. Information submitted on this form is being voluntarily provided solely for the purpose of commenting on the Gateway West Transmission Line Project.

Comment:

I strongly feel that segment B, which was negotiated and selected by the LOCAL invested parties should be the route selected for the Gateway West Transmission lines. The "BLM Preferred Route", Segment BB, I believe will greatly impact the beautiful vista of the Owyhee mountains from my home.

The impact to the Birds of Prey area can be mitigated by constructing the lines during periods when the birds are not nesting and/or have migrated out of the area.

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for the season. Maintenance activities can also follow the same "off-season" guidelines. Also, the necessary enhancements outlined by the Birds of Prey charter can be, I believe, easily factored into the Transmission Lines construction.

Thank You for your considerations in this matter that is very important to me and my family

Sincerely,

Chad Jones

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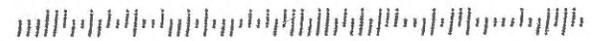
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