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Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
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This is just a general comment. I am an out of state property owner. Based upon the information in the EIS I support the BLM preferred alternative route of 8B. It seems it will be the most cost efficient in terms of both initial construction as well as ongoing maintenance and upgrades. It also appears to have the least impact on the Birds of Prey area as well as the Air National Guard range. Although it may impact some residential property owners, it seems steps could be taken to minimize that impact such as the creation of a green space along the urban impact zone of the transmission lines. Where I live in Gresham, OR, they have done just that with a high power transmission line corridor, adding walking paths and other natural enhancements. Is it perfect? No. But it is a viable alternative to which affected residents seem to have adapted quite well. The bottom line is that the region will need additional power for future growth. That plan which offers

the greatest economic efficiency, both to construct and maintain, with the least impact on the environment and residential quality of life should be the chosen route. I believe that is alternative route 8B.

Thank you.

Kris Kalanges

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Date: 5/25/13

First Name: Susan

Last Name: Kelly



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Comment:
I live on a nice quiet dead end street that adjoins a route that is about to become my nightmare with power lines. I moved to this property 10 years ago for the peace + quiet. We are a small subdivision, Forsey Heights in Kuna. I am opposed to bringing the power lines in that sub ^{or new in} when they can be moved out to the Maly Nelson 3,000s of feet along with other power lines that exist. There is no need to have these lines that close to Kuna or my community. Sincerely Susan Kelly

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Date: 5-20-13

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Organization or Office Name: _____

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Comment:

I think you should route this line
through the Birds of Prey area. I spend
a lot of time there and lines will not
bother me at all. This way no private
land will be affected. You should run it
beside existing line with road in between
the two lines.

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BLM

Date: 5.19.13

First Name: Michael Last Name: Kershner

Organization or Office Name: Estate of Edward C. Kershner

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Comment:

The power line should be placed in areas where it affects private property the least.

Michael Kershner

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BLM

Date: 5-7-13

First Name: Richard

Last Name: Kershner

Organization or Office Name: _____

Mailing Address: 9588

City: Mohave State: Id Zip: 83641

Daytime Phone: 208 896 4554

Email: _____

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Comment:

This power line should go IN The Birds of Prey To Walters Ferry
Area as agreed to at the one Mohave meeting, Not near Kanab Id.
The #8 line

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BLM

Date: 5-8-13

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Last Name: Kershner

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Comment:

line 8 To 138V line From CJ Strike Dam line South East To 9D To 8E 9F
8D is fine
CJ Strike line NW To 9G and 9H To Murphy Area To 9



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Last Name: Kershner

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Daytime Phone: 208896 4554

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Comment:

No 70 Lines 8 BAND 9E
Yes T-138 KV Line (CJ Strike Dam Line) 8 DOK 8E to 9D to 8
CJ Strike Dam Line NW to 9G to H To Murphy Area To 9 and Hemmingway



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Organization or Office Name: _____

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if there's no problem with the Birds of Prey - Idaho Power has no problem? They why not listen to property owners and high tax payers?

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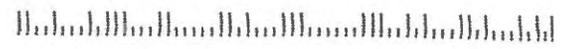


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Comment:

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Michael Kinney

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Comment:

I really hope that the common sense appreciation for nature, the outdoors, and outdoor sports overcomes the proposed (probably cheapest) solution of placing the large power lines over the top of Test hill. Please consider what "progress" is, and what you would like our landscape to be like in the future. Thanks.

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Date: 6/20/2013

First Name: Cory Last Name: Kress

Organization or Office Name: _____

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Comment:

My name is Cory Kress. I am a farmer in the Rockland Valley. My family has farmed in this valley for 101 years spanning 5 generations. I am the current Vice-President of Guardians of Agricultural Lands, Inc. (GOAL, Inc.). That entity was formed to protect the continuing encroachment and destruction of agriculture. I have participated with the Power County Gateway West Citizens Task Force and attended meetings with the BLM and other groups.

I am extremely upset at the BLM's preferred alternatives for Segments 5 and 7. It seems like they paid no attention to all of our comments and concerns about the impact the BLM action could have upon our agricultural livelihood.

The BLM does seem concerned about the visual impacts of placing the line on public land, but seems absolutely unconcerned about placing the line on private



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land. The BLM's preferred alternative for Segment 7 would run the transmission line directly over my house. I do not understand why that visual impact is not a consideration for the BLM, but placing the line on public land is.

Our task force and Power County, as a Cooperating Agency, has worked hard with the BLM and other state and federal agencies to find acceptable alternatives that would not have such a tremendous negative impact. The BLM paid lip service to our work and then completely ignored it in favor of their own preferences. As a citizen and a taxpayer, I would hope my federal government would have my interests more in mind than they have shown with this decision. Many people, including the federal government will be hurt if this line is built so that it negatively impacts our economy.

In Idaho the counties have the authority to locate electric transmission lines. Again, the BLM ignored the county's stated preference for location of this line. They did so because of some vague guidelines that gave them great leeway, which they chose not to exercise. The BLM needs to back to stage 1 and work with the landowners, not just dictate to them where it is going.

/s/ Cory Kress

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Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 9:52:41 AM

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Jon and Melanie Kress

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Comment:

I am writing about the gateway west project through the Rockland, Idaho area. We have farmland, a home and land which we lease that will be affected by this project. We are NOT in favor of it!

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D255000

D255400

D257100

D252800

D253500

D253600
RP0104300
RP0109700
D288100

All of these areas have wildlife on them. The area east of our residence is a mule deer wintering habitat (Bull canyon, Cow canyon area). Deer, elk, moose, sage grouse, sharptail, partridge, pheasants, hawks, jack rabbits and many other animals will be affected by these transmission lines. These lines will also affect the property value along with the beauty and tranquility of living in the country. We do not wish to see these lines through our front windows or back windows. Right now we have a very pleasant view which many visitors have commented on.

Please do not go through this area.

Sincerely,
Jon and Melanie Kress
5249 S. Rockland Hwy
Rockland, Idaho 83271

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BLM

Date: _____

First Name: DAVID

Last Name: LAHTINEN

Organization or Office Name: SUNSET RANCHES

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Comment:

If this line is built it should go ~~south~~
north of the Snake River where there is
already one built & all the maintenance
Roads & access already there.
This is public land & should serve
all the people not just the billed birds.

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Date: 5/14/13

First Name: Jerry

Last Name: Lankford



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Comment:

What benefit will the people of Idaho see from this line? We must sacrifice for those who don't want us to take down trees, or have fuel for cars & trucks, they don't want the power plants in their back yards; lets let them do without since that is their stand on these issues.



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5-6-13

To the BLM,



I live in Burley, ID and have for the length of my life at 57 yrs.

I am writing you about the Gateway West Power Line. I am in favor of the route the BLM + the power company wants to use. Which is route 7 thru Cassia County.

I want to thank all the people involved and for keeping this project off of public lands. The attitude that ~~at~~ a lot of people ^{have} toward our wildlife and our use of public land is the perfect example of why we need the E.S.A. These lands are everyone's not just Cassia County or the state of Idaho. I am glad it is owned by the federal government so we can have proper management + conservation.

Thank you,

Kevin A. Layson

1859 W. 16th St. - Burley, ID - 83918

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I am writing this in respect to what is being called the Gateway West Transmission Line Project. Were I to judge from the information that I have gotten on this matter one would assume that this was a US BLM project. But why would the BLM undertake to initiate a transmission line since at least ostensibly, as far as it is known to the general public and taxpayers generally the BLM is not in the power generation, power transmission or sale of power game. It would only be fair and forthright were the public to be told specifically just WHO plans to profit by the very extensive and costly project.

I think that I am clear on the fact that no one in Idaho will be receiving any power from this project. If that is correct then I say route the damn thing most directly through

and to those who will. For example if California is the target for delivery of the power from this development there are several options. Shoot it right out of Wyoming through Utah and Nevada (places where population growth is very likely also planned/ projected and where power needs will of necessity increase) say aimed right at Valmy and then to the Golden State. Or if California and the Northwest Coast are the market locations then just ship the coal there as if it were going to China for export and generate the power from burning the coal right where it will be used. Think of the energy saving just from the reduction in electrical power loss over all those miles of line. And then also the customers there could enforce proper regulations to make sure that the new coal burning plants had the most stringent pollution reducing designs and operating modes.

If the "power elite" behind this project persist in having their way with commonly held resources and places with the Windstar to Boise route plan then the following comments are offered by me. Just how can you/ BLM or the whole consortium be pretending to deal with "the final EIS" when from the last map that I have been sent still has multiples of various colored lines on multitudinous trajectories. Which route is the FINAL EIS for? I think it would only be fair to specify same to we the 'share holders', minimally.

Picking between the lines and segment trajectories in this case, I strongly recommend segments 6 & 8 between American Falls and Ada County. Being an owner of property adjacent to segment 9 south of Twin Falls I am against this route for many reasons.

In respect to the sagehen question I am all for the birds and affording them protection to the point of assuring recovery. I do suspect that Gateway will be less an issue in their survival and prosperity than would reduction of bromus tectorum, range fires, natural caused and "cowboy lightening" caused and range abuse thru poorly managed subsidized grazing.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Charles Lenkner

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Initially I am opposed to the whole project of running transmission lines through Idaho that don't benefit Idaho, but I guess this is a moot point at this time.

Secondly, I find it very difficult to comment on the "proposed" route when there is no clear proposed route. We own 360 acres by the Cedar Hill proposed route. Why trash the scenic South Hills with giant transmission lines when there is an option for crossing north of the Snake River using a less scenic and more direct route. For this reason, I oppose the proposed route running from #7 through #9. Melody Lenkner

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Yes, put this through the Birds of Prey Area and away from our homes!!

Deanna C Lewis

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Comment:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT IDAHO POWER CO.
AND OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE BEST ROUTE
FOR THIS POWERLINE IS NORTH OF THE
SNAKE RIVER WHICH GOES THROUGH THE
BIRDS OF PREY AREA.

SEGMENT 9 IMPACTS TOO MANY FARMS
AND WILL IMPACT OUR RURAL WAY OF
LIFE.

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Name:

Laz D. Low



SEGMENT 9E, THE SOUTHERN MOST ROUTE,
PLOW'S RIGHT THRU SAGE GROUSE LAND THAT
I THOUGHT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OFF
LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT. WHY WOULD YOU
WANT TO BUILD HAWK PERCHES RIGHT THRU
SAGE GROUSE HABITAT? IT MAKES NO
SENSE.

PLEASE GIVE SEGMENT 9D THE MOST SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION. THIS ROUTE IS ENDORSED
BY ALL THE LOCAL ~~AGENCY~~ AGENCIES AND
~~PARALLELS~~ PARALLELS A NEW ROAD THAT WAS FUNDED
BY STIMULUS MONEY THRU THE SNAKE RIVER
BIRDS OF PREY. THIS IS THE VERY BEST
ROUTE FOR THE NEW POWER LINE.

THANK YOU

Laz D. Low

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To whom it may concern;

Being a Owyhee County resident. On the Gateway West Transmission Line Project I would like to see this line go To Segment 9D where it would parallel the existing 138kV line and have the new road which was funded by stimulus money in the Snake River Birds of Prey. This route would be the least impact on the Owyhee County.

Segment 9 route cross's over 50% of private land. Making a living in Owyhee is hard enough without our Gov and Utilities coming in and ruining our land that we have worked for so long to improve our crop fields to where we can help feed this country. It makes no sense to ruin a farmer's livelihood and send them into bankrupt. They put their money back into the community and pay plenty of tax's also to the gov. Why would you eliminate that money? This is what is going to happen with Segment 9.

So I suggest that you put the line with the over line in Segment 9E where that's the logical less destructive route

Susie Low

Susie Low

May 25 2013

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21101 Oreauna Loop Rd

Oreauna, Idaho

83650



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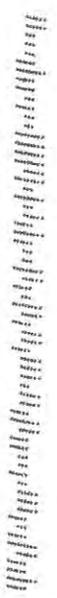
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First Name: Stephen & Kathleen Last Name: Mallory
Organization or Office Name: Property Devo. 25-IN-2W SE TX 0410 IN EY 2 SE
Mailing Address: 970 Butler Ave City: Santa Rosa State: CA Zip: 95307
Daytime Phone: 707-525-9985 Email: JSM mallory@att.net

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Please respect Idaho's decision to follow the existing power easement / right of way that the Birds of Prey. As you know this area is known world wide & everything will be done to follow the enhancement requirements

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Pat & Mike Martell @ 1171 Can Ada Are my parents. My Husband & I will be retiring to our property directly south of mom & dad. Many thanks for all your efforts to keep the Melba Community as free as possible from Urban over exposure

Malloy
1171 Can Ada Rd
Milba, Id 83641



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BLM

Date: 5/14/13

First Name: Seana Last Name: Hobson McBride

Organization or Office Name: private landowner of Cassia County

Mailing Address: 295 N Blaine City: Oakley State: ID Zip: 83346

Daytime Phone: 208 862 3835 Email: _____

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Comment:

Wish to assert constitutional right of imminent domain.
I'm a supporter of private landowners affected by path
that passes from RR — Golden Valley. !E. Brent Stoker and rest.
My heart goes out to those families.

I'm a land owner 7 miles west of Burley along Snake River
and would be furious if this path was forced through
a 3 generation farm such as our Hobson Farms.

It is likely that the Obama Administration and Idaho
Power is forcing this. My own thoughts are that Obama
needs more power for illegal immigration and the
democratic vote. If Idaho Power doesn't cooperate →,

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^{Obama}
he will refuse Idaho power permits ~~to~~ use water -
to generate power in west etc.

I'm going to make my county commissioners aware
of my thoughts.

If you, Idaho Power intend to force this upon the
county, have the cables etc buried, as is the
practice in Europe.

I'm an Idaho Power customer and up until now have
been happy with your service.

This is a sad time for America. Illegal immigration
being shoved down our throats, constitutional rights taken
away, greed and a corrupt administration. You will of
course do business here, but will be hereafter intensely
disliked.

Jana Hobson McBride

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BLM

Date: 5/14/13

First Name: Pat McCannan

Last Name: McCannan

Organization or Office Name: GS Ranch

Mailing Address: 1354 GS Ranch Rd

City: Declo State: Ida Zip: 83323

Daytime Phone: (208) 654-2564

Email: PI GS@Hughes.net

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Comment:

I would like to see more consideration
to the Land Owners of Cassia County
There are two alternate routes North + South

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To: [Gateway BLM](#)
Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2013 12:09:00 PM

A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

Name:

Paul McCracken

Organization:

Rancher

Mailing Address:

14 Mile Ranch Rd

Mailing Address 2:

City:

Rock Springs

State:

Wy

Zip:

82901

Daytime Phone:

307 362 9636

E-mail:

p2mccracken@hotmail.com

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Comment:

I, Paul McCracken, own and operate the "14 mile Ranch". I have been a part of this project since the beginning, I have don't have a problem with the industry of our modern world, power utilities etc. The big problem with this line is you want to go through my private property where there is plenty....plenty of room on both sides of me that doesn't have a residence, home and family living and residing on a small piece of land.

I was told in the beginning that you wouldn't touch my property, however this seemed to have changed. I can't be more forward... DON'T PUT THE LINE ON MY PRIVATE PROPERTY, there is no need for it with 30+ miles to the north and 4-5 miles to the south.

P.S. My ranch is up for the National historic role, due to it's history with native american/ wagon trail. I also have a natural wetland area around the ranch (14 mile reservoir) that draws numerous wildlife,

birds and sage grouse.

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Date: 5-14-13

First Name: Doreen Last Name: McMurray

Organization or Office Name: _____

Mailing Address: 11641 Occidental Ave City: Burley State: ID Zip: 83318

Daytime Phone: 208-878-5556 Email: _____

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Comment:

I have serious concerns about the proposed routes. I strongly feel transmission lines should NOT cross private farm ground - This will effect the production + livelihood of our local citizens. Why are you risking their production + operation when you Do have acceptable alternate routes?

I ask you to consider private citizen/landowners concerns.

Thank you.

Doreen McMurray



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From: jmclain@blm.gov on behalf of [Gateway West Trans Line, BLM WY](#)
To: blm@gwcomment.com
Subject: Fwd: GATEWAY WEST COMMENTS
Date: Monday, July 01, 2013 10:19:31 AM

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From: merri melde <merri@endurance.net>
Date: Fri, Jun 28, 2013 at 3:23 PM
Subject: GATEWAY WEST COMMENTS
To: Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov

from
Merri Melde
15401 Bates Creek Road
Oreana, ID 83650
merri@endurance.net

I oppose the BLM's preferred route, 9E.

The adverse effect on sage grouse habitat and ecosystems have already been amply demonstrated. This route would have maximal impact on the land, soil, flora, fauna and scenery, as has been amply demonstrated. The closer one gets to the Owyhee mountains and the rainshadow they cause, the more fragile the soil becomes. Tearing it up more with trucks, equipment, supplies, roads and a powerline will cause irreversible destruction – once the tenuous plants disappear, the land turns to blowing sand, and the ground can't recover.

That it will significantly impact both the aesthetics and property values of private property has been amply demonstrated. How can excess impact in even one of these aspects even be justified when other viable and practical options are available?

The argument that power lines have to be separated by a certain distance is bogus. Look at I-84 in Oregon west of where I-82 joins it. There are no less than FIVE large capacity power lines running parallel within a quarter mile of each other.

The rationale that Boise will one day need this extra power has not been factually proven. The lines *ARE NOT NECESSARY*.

Wyoming BLM being the lead on such an impactful project for Idaho is ludicrous.

Is the destruction of one more beautiful and pristine and somewhat primitive area necessary in the quest for extra power that has not proven necessary in the first place?

I support Route 9D as proposed by the Owyhee Task Force

The advantage of using this route has already been amply demonstrated – advantages to nesting birds of prey, the minimal impact on the land, soil, flora, fauna and scenery, minimal impact on sagegrouse. Roads are already in place, and the soil is not so fragile in this area. Ignoring the studies that have proved that the existing powerlines in the NCA support birds of prey would set a dangerous precedent.

From: info@gatewaywesteis.com
To: [Gateway BLM](#)
Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 11:38:53 AM

A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

Name:
Gina Millard

Organization:

Mailing Address:
2616 N. Side Rd.

Mailing Address 2:

City:
Homedale

State:
ID

Zip:
83628

Daytime Phone:
208-3378437

E-mail:

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False

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Comment:
Dear Reader- I love the land- please put the line with the current lines at Birds of Prey. It will diminish the impact to lands, people and animals.
Thank you
Gina Millard

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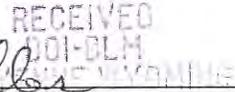


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Date: 6-9-13

First Name: Vernon & Elaine

Last Name: Miller



Organization or Office Name: _____

Mailing Address: 555 Park St. City: Am. Falls State: Ida Zip: 83211

Daytime Phone: 208-226-2927 Email: _____

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Comment:

Dear Sirs:
We greatly oppose Gateway Power Line Route
Segment 17 which goes through 3
miles of farm land - there will be
no land left to raise food & crops
for our generation and others to come.
We had numerous sage grouse on
our land in past years
Yours Truly
Vernon Miller
Elaine Miller



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From: jnclain@blm.gov on behalf of [Gateway West Trans Line, BLM WY](#)
To: blm@gwcomment.com
Subject: Fwd: FEIS-Gateway West
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 3:18:53 PM

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From: **Neil and Jennifer Miller** <njmiller@tctwest.net>
Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2013 at 10:41 AM
Subject: FEIS-Gateway West
To: Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov

Dear BLM Decision Makers,

Please consider an alternative route for this transmission line that will protect sage grouse habitat and our National Historic Trails.

Thank you for your reconsideration!

Neil and Jennifer Miller
P.O. Box 742
Basin, WY 82410

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Date: 5-9-2013

First Name: JUNE

Last Name: MILLER

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Organization or Office Name: formerly Melba Planning + Zoning Impact area commissioner

Mailing Address: 7267 Baseline Rd City: Melba State: WY Zip: 83641

Daytime Phone: (208) 495-2876 Email: _____

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Comment:

As stressed before, we prefer alt. Segment 8, SE to 9D as opposed to the route that goes down Melba Road. As former P+Z Commissioner to Melba I again oppose the idea of any transmission lines near Melba's City Impact area. There is no reason to curb the future growth of our city. Yes it would impact future growth. As a second route for transmission lines I propose Segments 9F, 9G, 9H to Murphy and Hemingway. All lines need to follow the Buds of Prey route where available. Stop ruining our farms and cities.

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Date: 5/9/2013
First Name: Robert Last Name: Miller
Organization or Office Name: Vice President Miller Land Co. Inc.
Mailing Address: 7267 Baseline Rd City: Melba State: Id. Zip: 83641
Daytime Phone: 208-495-2876 Email: _____

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Comment:

My preference of Gateway West Transmission Line would follow 9 G commencing south of Bureau of Land Management, westerly to join 9 H route, then westerly to join 9 route to Hemingway Butte. This route would most likely avoid private lands and towns and especially avoid the Melba Impact farm and city area.

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Date: 5-19-2013

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Last Name: Maon

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Organization or Office Name: S&IS

Mailing Address: 677 Greenbrier City: Hayward State: IL Zip: 62336

Daytime Phone: 208-430-0677

Email: _____

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Comment:

I believe the BLM has horribly
miss-managed Public lands. All BLM
ground should be sold off to
private investors

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First Name: Craig Last Name: Moore

Organization or Office Name: _____

Mailing Address: PO 14 City: Melba State: ID Zip: 83641

Daytime Phone: 208-495-2778 Email: moore@sandygurek.net

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June 17, 2013

The United States Government is supposed to be:

Of the People
By the People
And For the People

What happened to the BLM in this regard? The people spoke after months of deliberation and corroboration with Idaho Power Company as well as BLM Idaho and came to a consensus only to have that consensus thrown out by Washington, in what appears to be fear of reprisal from environmental groups over precedent setting. Well, Department of Interior and BLM in Washington, I would hope that you would take another look at the issues as set forth below. Since you set us up as a Phase decision status you certainly can do that with no difficulty. However, time is very important so please do not wait for weeks or months to settle this "easy to settle" issue before you.

Craig Moore

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From: [Gateway BLM](#)
To: [Gateway BLM](#)
Subject: FW: Steve; Please copy David Murphy, no email address on his card. Copies sent to various interested party"s.
Date: Monday, January 28, 2013 11:16:12 AM

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From: **Steven Ellis** <sellis@blm.gov>
Date: Sun, Jan 27, 2013 at 3:57 PM
Subject: Fwd: Steve; Please copy David Murphy, no email address on his card. Copies sent to various interested party's.
To: David H Murphy <dmurphy@blm.gov>, Jeffery L Foss <jfoss@blm.gov>
Cc: Peter Ditton <pditton@blm.gov>, Walter George <wgeorge@blm.gov>, Donald Simpson <dsimpson@blm.gov>, James Fincher <jfincher@blm.gov>, Kathleen Carr <Kathleenmarion.Carr@sol.doi.gov>

FYI

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From: Craig Moore <moore@speedyquick.net>
Date: January 27, 2013, 2:05:21 PM MST
To: <sellis@blm.gov>
Subject: **Steve; Please copy David Murphy, no email address on his card. Copies sent to various interested party's.**

To: Steve Ellis State Director
 Bureau of Land Management
 Idaho State Office
 And
 David H. Murphy
 Branch Chief
 Lands Minerals & Water Rights
 Bureau of Land Management Idaho

From: Craig Moore; (Dale Willis)

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your time and discussion on Friday with Dale Willis and me. Your description of how decisions are made within the B.I.M. and The Department of Interior was enlightening.

I view your roll in our current Gateway West struggles, both public and private, has become even more critical after our meeting. Often times, in any

organization, public or private, the non-authority decisions makers have just as important a part to contribute as the formal authority. I understand Don Simpson in Wyoming does hold, in this instance, a slightly higher authority to yours but, only by assignment. Your statement regarding cooperation between you and him makes total sense for several reasons, not the least of which is geography.

I would certainly hope, that after your thorough investigations, you will support the will of the majority of economic Idaho contributors and recommend that the "Preferred Route" be moved back to the PEIS conclusively suggested locations. I would also suggest strongly that your support towards that end occur now rather than waiting for extensive hearings both formal/legal and informal by citizens and other interested organizations. That decision would be both expedient and frugal on the part of government. Following is a list of support premises for the change.

LIST

1. Elimination of agricultural operational damages from farming changes necessary due to irrigation and other effects from transmission line sighting.
2. Disturbance of Sage Grouse habitat clearly pointed out by environmental organizations.
3. True and Scientific Benefits for the Birds of Prey.
4. Private Party Property Rights and avoidance of subjecting property owners to "Eminent Domain" laws and Court activity to consummate the extensive intrusions necessary to establish private property corridors for transmission lines.
5. Serious health concerns to dairies already proven in numerous cases including an Idaho Power lawsuit in the Magic Valley wherein millions of dollars settlement did come to pass and is on the record.
6. Overwhelming support by State Government, BLM employees County Governments and City Governments and on the record as well as Idaho Power Company.
8. Fair play of Government process towards the Citizens of Idaho after literally years of meetings held, with testimony in large numbers overwhelmingly favoring the prepared study submission of recommended routes.
9. A letter signed by Brian O'Donnell Executive Director of the prestigious "Conservation Lands Foundation" describing their serious concerns with the "preferred route" thru Owyhee County that seriously affects the Sage Grouse habitat. (I could supply that to you if need be.)

In summary, especially since proper measures to air the "other side of the coin" during the formation of the "Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement," I

would urge you to insist that all the parties involved should sit down in order to work out a solution prior to the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

REFERENCES DISCUSSED at Friday

Meeting

Idaho Power Co.

A \$17.5 million verdict has been reached in the lawsuit filed by Idaho dairy farmers Mike and Susan Vierstra. The suit was filed after stray electrical currents harmed cows at the dairy, causing them to become sick and reduce their milk production for several years. (Feb-12-04)

EXCERPTS: Energy Policy “Act of 2005.”

President **Bush** signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 on ... B. **Utility Corridors**

ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS OF THE NEW ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION LAWS

Analysis by Michael B. Gerrard

General Editor, *Environmental Law Practice Guide: State and Federal Law*

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I strongly support Segment 8 and 9 D

I oppose the "BLM Preferred Routes Seg. 8B & 9E - and Segment 9" which are in the Final EIS Statement

The Malley Nelson Birds of Prey Area is wonderful to have, however, when the land was set aside for it, they said NO Restrictions to the Public would come about - There have been many Restrictions implemented

The birds won't care if they have more Perches for hunting. After the Kuna fire several years ago, the birds have widened their hunting range. Birds go where the food is. Don't worry about the birds. Worry about the human and the economic health of the area. Farming/Dairy is the lifeblood.

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If you put the Gateway West Transmission Line within a half mile north of the town of Melba where there are many homes, it would be dangerous to the health of the people that live there.

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In addition to item 1, whatever the estimate amount is you should double it.
the government cannot estimate construction projects.

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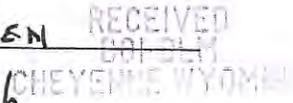
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 And
 David H. Murphy
 Branch Chief
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From: Craig Moore; (Dale Willis)

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your time and discussion on Friday with Dale Willis and me. Your description of how decisions are made within the B.I.M. and The Department of Interior was enlightening.

I view your roll in our current Gateway West struggles, both public and private, has become even more critical after our meeting. Often times, in any

organization, public or private, the non-authority decisions makers have just as important a part to contribute as the formal authority. I understand Don Simpson in Wyoming does hold, in this instance, a slightly higher authority to yours but, only by assignment. Your statement regarding cooperation between you and him makes total sense for several reasons, not the least of which is geography.

I would certainly hope, that after your thorough investigations, you will support the will of the majority of economic Idaho contributors and recommend that the "Preferred Route" be moved back to the PEIS conclusively suggested locations. I would also suggest strongly that your support towards that end occur now rather than waiting for extensive hearings both formal/legal and informal by citizens and other interested organizations. That decision would be both expedient and frugal on the part of government. Following is a list of support premises for the change.

LIST

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In summary, especially since proper measures to air the "other side of the coin" during the formation of the "Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement," I

would urge you to insist that all the parties involved should sit down in order to work out a solution prior to the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

REFERENCES DISCUSSED at Friday

Meeting

Idaho Power Co.

A \$17.5 million verdict has been reached in the lawsuit filed by Idaho dairy farmers Mike and Susan Vierstra. The suit was filed after stray electrical currents harmed cows at the dairy, causing them to become sick and reduce their milk production for several years. (Feb-12-04)

EXCERPTS: Energy Policy “Act of 2005.”

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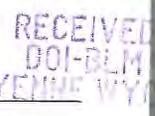
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Gateway West
Re: Segment 9
Portion from near Lilly Grade to Balanced Rock

From: Suzanne C. Murphey
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CASTLEFORD area resident

The preferred route going to the South of Salmon Falls Creek Canyon is an excellent choice. Not only will it allow future lines to proceed thru the vicinity with little impact but it also prevents the purchase of farm ground if the route were to go on the North side of Salmon Falls Creek.

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Sincerely
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High Level Expert Forum - How to Feed the World in 2050

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Resource Management Plan Protest Critical Item Checklist

**The following items *must* be included to constitute a valid protest
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(43 CFR 1610.5-2)**

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Resource Management Plan (RMP) or Amendment (RMPA) being protested:

Name: JaNan Neildon
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Your interest in filing this protest (how will you be adversely affected by the approval or amendment of this plan?): If this project follows the current plan I will have to deal with long and short range economic impact to local economy, plus visual impact, and health implications of high powered lines.

Issue or issues being protested: Gateway West Project

Statement of the part or parts of the plan being protested:

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Attach copies of all documents addressing the issue(s) that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party, OR an indication of the date the issue(s) were discussed for the record.

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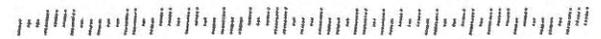
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BLM,

I am adamantly opposed to your currently preferred route, segment 9E of the Gateway West transmission line project. For a multitude of reasons, segment 9D is a much better option.

The scenic value of the land in segment 9E is far superior to that of 9D. Currently, as you travel Highway 78, there is an unobstructed view of the Owyhee Mountains. Route 9E would place a high voltage transmission line the length of the mountains, detracting from this gorgeous landscape and marring the countryside.

Segment 9E would be extremely detrimental to sage grouse populations in that particular area, whereas there are no sage grouse in segment 9D. Tall towers give birds of prey a perch to hunt from, one of the reasons it would actually enhance the NCA (segment 9D), and negatively impact sage grouse populations. As a rancher who runs cattle on BLM managed ground, sage grouse issues are of great concern, and the preferred current alternative is incredibly irresponsible.

Transmission line gives raptors a place to perch, nest, and hunt from. Therefore the line is in keeping with the Nation Conservation Area's mission statement of enhancing the habitat for birds of prey in segment 9D. Somebody approved building a really nice road and a large training facility for our military and law enforcement in the middle of the NCA. Clearly, additional traffic and firing fully automatic weapons does not enhance the habitat of the NCA so the decision to exclude the transmission line was purely political.

Segment 9E negatively impacts a large amount of private land. Our ranch has been in my family since 1865 and has indisputable historical significance. As its drawn now, segment 9E runs directly over the top of my house and through the middle of our ranch. Not only will it severely disrupt farming and ranching activities and limit our ability to upgrade the irrigation systems to pivots, but the value of our historical property will be lowered significantly and irrefutably scarred.

Segment 9D is shorter and doesn't have to cross such rough terrain, making it the best route from a cost standpoint.

Locally, the BLM, environmental groups, ranchers, recreationalists, elected officials, and citizens in general are in agreement that 9D is a much better route than 9E. It doesn't happen very often that you can get all of these individuals and groups to agree on anything so when they do, it is clearly the best course of action. It saddens me that years of collaborative efforts to find the best route get trumped by someone in Washington DC who doesn't want to set a precedent of routing utilities through National Conservation Areas.

I endorse a phased decision on right of way grants, allowing more time to work on getting this 500kV line sited in the correct location.

Sincerely,

Chad Nettleton
23202 Dust Devil Ln.
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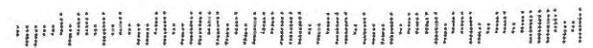
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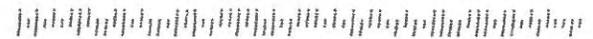


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Re: Gateway West Transmission Line Project

Gentlemen:

We are writing this letter voicing our concerns with your proposed routes for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project.

As farm owners in the Melba, Idaho, area located in the two-mile corridor of one of the proposed routes, we are definitely opposed to this project running through private property in our area. We feel that a project of this magnitude will ruin the workability of the farm property and drastically lower the farm land value. We agree with Idaho Power that the entire project would be better served if placed on public lands (BLM) so as not to disturb private land owners. Also, it would be less costly to go through public lands.

Since going through private property is not the only option in this matter, the BLM is being very unreasonable in preferring to take the line through private property instead of through public land. BLM has nothing viable to support their position. Public land belongs to the citizens and BLM should listen to what the people have to say about this matter. No one wants an unsightly transmission line running through their farm or place of residence.

We urge the BLM to reconsider their options and take into consideration the private land that will be destroyed by the Gateway West Transmission Line Project running through their property.

Sincerely,

Lloyd and Joan Noe
Lloyd and Joan Noe

cc: U.S. Senator Mike Crapo
U.S. Senator James Risch
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Leah Osborn

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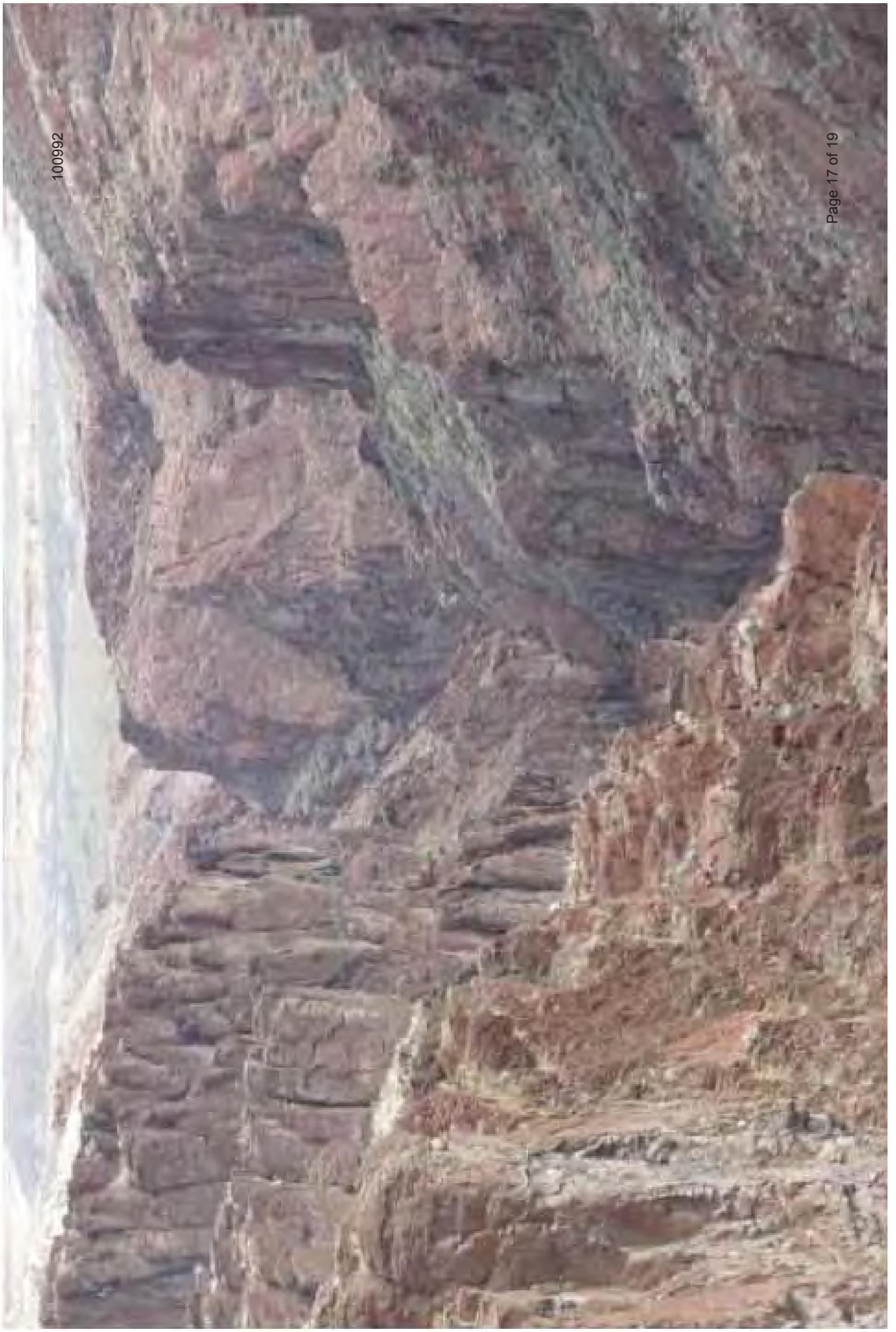
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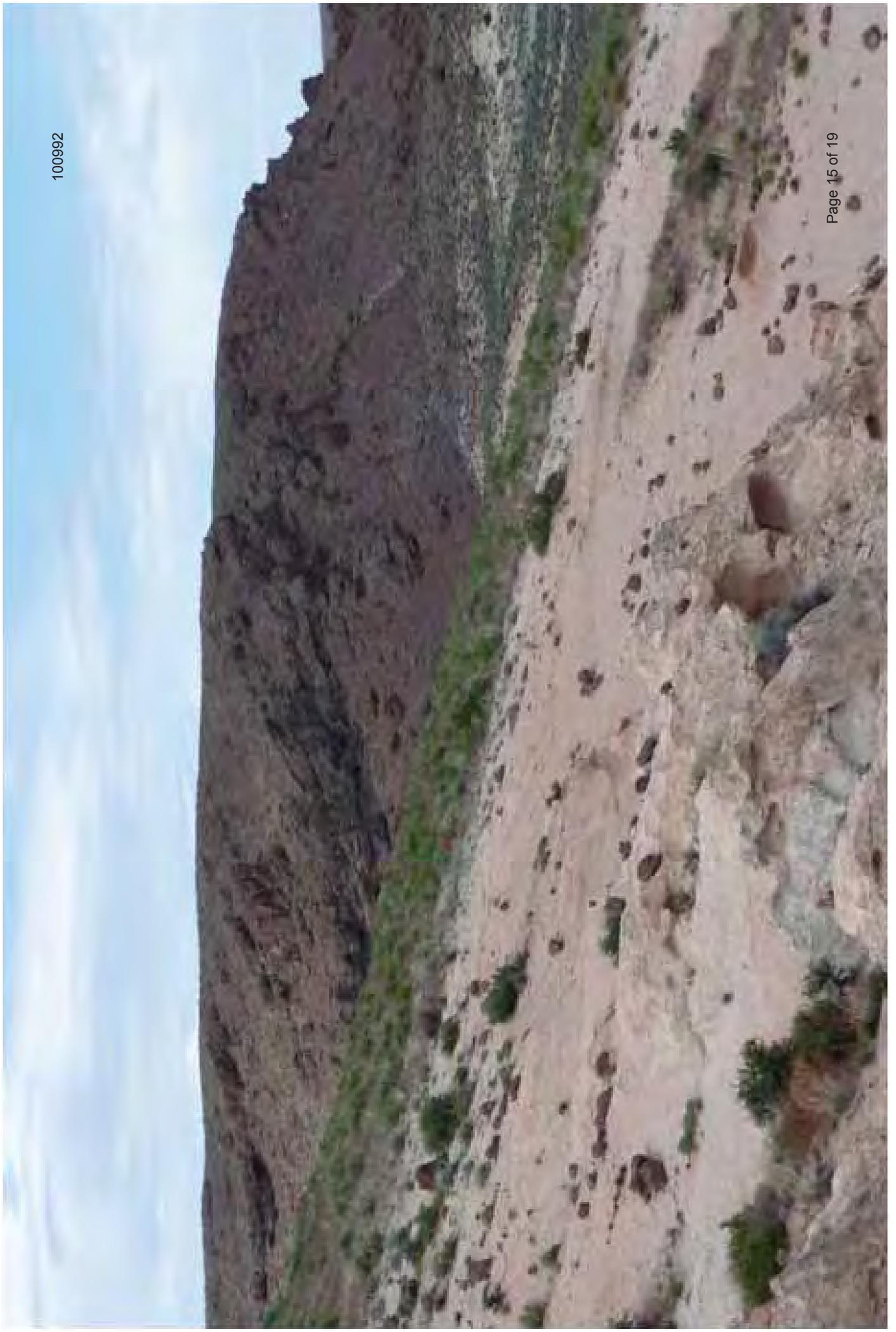


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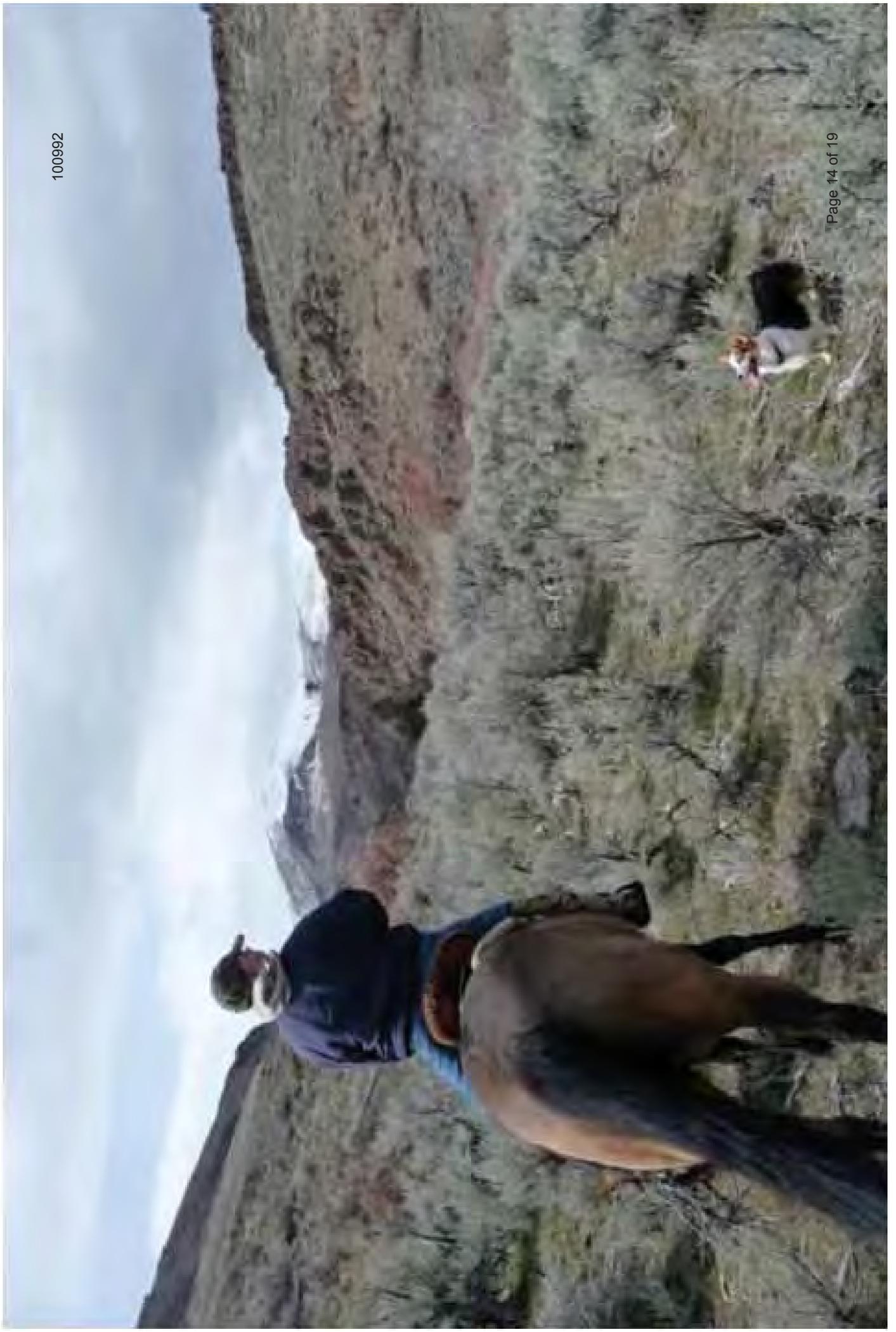




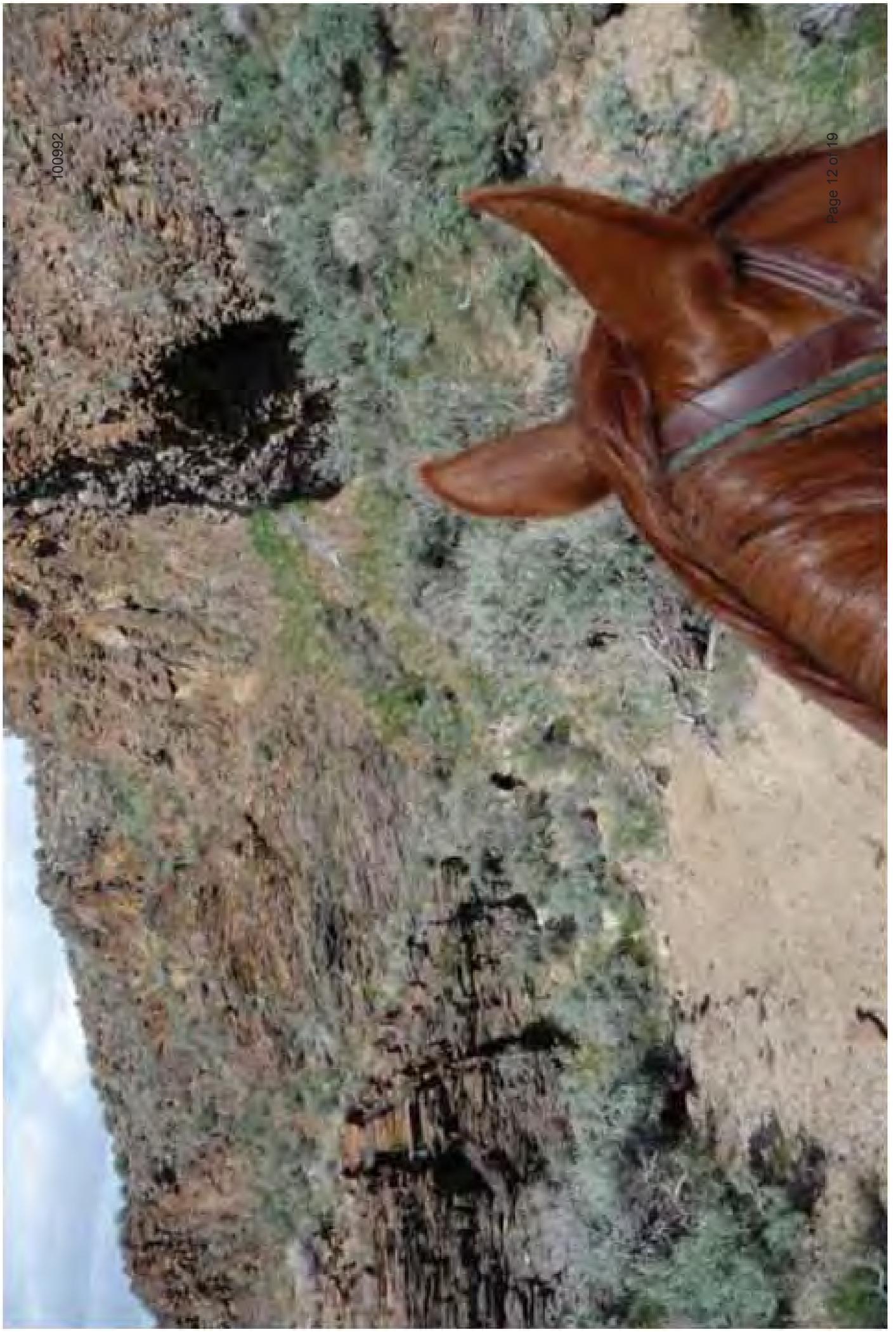
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From: **Leah Osborn** <bluewind@me.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 27, 2013 at 7:04 PM
Subject: with photos GWW Segment 9, Alternatives 9D and 9E
To: Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov, Leah Osborn <bluewind@me.com>

June 27th, 2013

Leah Osborn

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I am writing in support of Segment 9D of the Gateway West Transmission Line in Owyhee County Idaho.. I do not support the BLM's Preferred Alternative 9E.

I appreciate being able to comment on:

General Wild Life and Fish , page 3.10-1 , Segment 9.

- **Segment 9:** The BLM's Preferred Route is the Proposed Route incorporating Alternative 9E, which was revised to avoid PPH and the community of Murphy (Figure A-11).
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BLMs Alternative 9E is within Sage Grouse habitat. The photo below clearly states this. This photo was taken within the corridor on the Alder Creek Road.

GPS coordinates. 11T NH 48603, 56414.



Thank You,
Leah Osborn

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From: info@gatewaywesteis.com
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Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
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The section of power line 7f to 7j cover an area which has been and is still some of the only training area for hang gliding and paragliding in the area. This has been used for flying for the last 35 to 40 years. The proposed power line in this area would be very hazardous to anyone flying hang gliders or paragliders on these hills. There are also numerous homes and other properties in this area that the power line would be detrimental to.

We propose that the best route for this power line would be the state line route.

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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 am in favor of the "Proposed Route" not the "BLM Preferred Route". The "Proposed Route" is the least injurious to the Citizens of Idaho. The BLM Preferred Route is the most injurious. If BLM prevails there will be contention and years of litigation. BLM's Preferred Route "will" injure many landowners due to a significant scar on their property and nearby neighbors. Why are ~~not~~ the people of Idaho and their representatives opinions being ignored? We live here!

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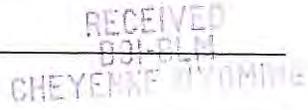
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Comment:

We 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.

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.

I concur with the above herein comments.

Thank you for your consideration

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