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**Subject:** A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com  
**Date:** Monday, June 24, 2013 2:44:07 PM

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A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

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I am a paraglider pilot born and raised in Idaho and have flown Test hill outside of Declo, ID multiple times and would love to keep enjoying the great flying opportunities offered there, Power lines would ruin the site and it would be a sad day for paragliding and hangliding in the state of ID. Please explore all other options and if at all possible avoid putting them across test hill.

Thank you,  
Cade Palmer



# Final EIS Comment

Gateway West Transmission Line Project

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



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**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 am Secretary of Walters Butte Grange and your agency through Mr. Craig Moore used our hall for a community meeting several years ago.*

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**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: Comment on Gateway West Transmission Line Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 3:29:42 PM

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**From:** **Crista Vesel** <[iberianrider@msn.com](mailto:iberianrider@msn.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, May 6, 2013 at 6:31 PM  
**Subject:** Comment on Gateway West Transmission Line Project  
**To:** "[Gateway\\_West\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov)" <[gateway\\_west\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:gateway_west_wymail@blm.gov)>

Dear BLM,

I am a homeowner who lives near the proposed Gateway West Transmission Line Project corridor. In fact, the proposed lines would run less than 1/2 mile from my house. I am very concerned about this location for the following reasons:

- These lines would be in full view of my home and local residents would have to drive directly by them to reach my home. This will definitely affect the value of my home in a negative way.
- I am very sensitive to electricity and have had problems with power lines in my vicinity in previous locations, which caused me physical distress.

The alternate route, through Birds of Prey, would run through a very isolated area that would not impact humans to nearly the degree of the current proposal. I understand that preservation of wildlife is very important and should be considered. However, as a licensed Master Falconer, I also know that birds of prey and other wildlife can safely coexist with such power lines - as long as the lines are the newer design, which prevents accidental electrocution. I have already contacted Idaho Power to fix some older electric lines in my neighborhood, which they did graciously and without any problems (even the old lines are a quick fix).

Please do not run the lines through our housing area! Alternative routes exist that are a much better choice.

Thank you,

Crista Vesel  
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Kuna, ID 83634  
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**From:** **R&S P** <[rsplongears@gmail.com](mailto:rsplongears@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, May 6, 2013 at 6:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Gateway West Transmission Line Project  
**To:** [gateway\\_west\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:gateway_west_wymail@blm.gov), Robert Perdue <[roberteperdue@yahoo.com](mailto:roberteperdue@yahoo.com)>

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Thank you,

Robert & Sarah Perdue  
18589 S. Cloverdale Rd.  
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(BLM)  
Power line needs to go on government ground.

Underground lines need to be studied. If underground lines are used - it would solve a lot of problems. - the lines could go anywhere,

This power line helps no one in this area - we get no use of

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any of the power - it all goes down the line to the highest bidder, but we suffer in our livelihood by going thru productive field and by family homes.

When a person asked about compensation for the ground and disruption of their business - they are ignored. Fair compensation for the length the line is on your ground in a yearly amount. It works for the reservations - it should work for the people who actually pay taxes.

To study the underground line is what is needed. You try to farm around power lines and you would change your mind in a big hurry.

Underground Study! Yes

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Date: 6-24-2013

First Name: Marcy Peterson

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The people of Owyhee County are very concerned that this two mile wide energy corridor is being considered to be routed over the main population and most of the private property in our county. People have crowded local Community Halls for the last few years in strong protest against having a 2 mile wide corridor coming across so much private property ESPECIALLY WHEN there is a so much better route on the north side of the Snake river. It is not that we are against energy. It is that we do not want to live under/IN an energy corridor.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Marcy Peterson

People in Owyhee County are very united and are taking a strong stand against this two mile wide corridor coming over and through our property. There is very little property in our County which is not government ground! The energy corridor would be devastating to the people and taxpayers of our County. Our Owyhee County Commissioners are all firmly behind the people of the County and they have sent you at least one letter, maybe more, stating that your energy corridor is unacceptable to come over our private property south of the Snake River. I have not heard one person who was not very upset or concerned about both of your southern (possible) routes in Owyhee County. Even our State Senators and Representatives have supported us against your projected southern routes through Owyhee County. You should have their letters on file. Governor Butch Otter supports us as you know. It is not likely that any of us will change our opinions. Many of us have put much time, effort and money to protect our environment. As for your most southern alternative possible route in Owyhee County - where the sage grouse live - plus the economics in maintaining that route. I can't believe that one would honestly consider this most southern route.

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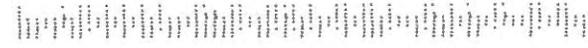


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Dec 5, 2012

To whom it may concern:

My name is Kathy Phelps and I currently live in the route the transmission line you are proposing. My address is 2924 Cold Creek Road, American Falls, Idaho 83211.

First and foremost I am in complete opposition of the Gateway West Transmission Line Alternative Routes. My husband and I moved here in 1994 to enjoy our retirement. Just a mile and a half away you have an existing Transmission Corridor which has already destroyed the land and surrounding area in its path. Have you thought about just using what you have?

When I learned about the Gateway West Transmission Line Routes 5J and 5D, I was dismayed because the current suggested route 5J would run within a few hundred feet of our home thereby destroying the value of our property and the quality of life we have here. The type of proposed transmission line creates a electrical current at the ground surface that is documented that creates health issues. Both the visual and noise pollution this type of line creates is not desirable in a residential area.

Please note that the Cold Creek/ Warm Creek area is a documented Bald Eagle nesting and flight path. Your planning staff should not have overlooked this sensitive wildlife concern. The few sage hens we have here are sure to be jeopardized with the disturbance this line will permanently cause.

Sincerely,

  
Kathy Phelps

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Comment:  
Hello,

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

Sincerely,

Eddy Petranek  
Boise, ID

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Marc & Kelley Phillips

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Comment:

We live just outside of Kuna near the crossroads of Cloverdale and Kuna Mora Rd. We feel very strongly that the transmission line should not go through our area.

During the winter and early spring months there are hundreds of thousands of wild ducks, Canadian, White Fronted and Snow Geese that congregate in this area feeding on the farmers corn fields. During the early evening hours we have watched the wild birds coming into this area from all directions. They form into a giant flying funnel of birds, taking turns going to eat in the fields where there are so many of them that they blacken the field.

We are very concerned about the implications of this power line to the wildlife.

Marc & Kelley Phillips

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Date: 5-6-13

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

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A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

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the gateway west transmission line project would be better off to use segment 9 support by blm purpose route south side salmon falls creek because the north side will cause lots of problems with farm ground and private land

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the gateway west transmission line project would be better off to use segment 9 support by blm purpose route south side salmon falls creek because the north side because it looks to reduce cost

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Date: 5/10/13

First Name: Paul E Last Name: Pline

Organization or Office Name: landowner

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Putting the line along Melba Road will have a tremendous effect on the landing strip and the ability of all planes to utilize it. Paul and family own the landing strip and is in the midst of setting up a corporation so that the strip will be family owned. Private planes mostly use the strip now. There are maps available that show the strip as Melba City Airstrip.



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First Name: Paul Last Name: PLINE

Organization or Office Name: Farmer - Mulla Rd

Mailing Address: 6258 mulla rd City: melba State: ID Zip: 83641

Daytime Phone: 2081495-5523 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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I HAVE LIVED IN THIS SAME ARE ALL OF MY LIFE. THERE ARE NO SAGE GROUSE, AND HAVE NEVER BEEN ANY, IN THE AREA OF ROUTE #9D, F, G, H. THEY DO NOT WINTER THERE AND THEY DO NOT LIVE THERE IN THE SUMMER.

PLEASE. USE YOUR HEADS & PUT THIS LINE WHERE IT CAUSES THE LEAST IMPACT TO THE PEOPLE WHO USE & PAY FOR POWER. THE HOME OWNERS, FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND BUSINESS OWNERS PAY FOR THESE LINES; HELP US.

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WADE POVEY COMMENTS:

My name is Wade Povey. I am a farmer in Power County, Idaho and the co-Chair of the Power County Gateway West Citizens Task Force. I have farmed around high voltage transmission lines for many years, as did my father-in-law. I know firsthand that trying to work around electric towers and high voltage lines is an extreme hardship, and the size of the new Gateway West proposed transmission towers will make it impossible to farm.

I was very enthused when our task force proposed the possibility of burying the transmission lines, as that would resolve many problems. I was extremely disappointed by the BLM's decision not to analyze the possibilities of burying the lines, and continue with the old, outdated method of just simply erecting big towers, particularly on private property.

Our task force is adamantly opposed to the BLM's decision to place 80% of Segments 5 and 7 on private property. Pushing the line onto someone else's property does not resolve the problem, it just transfers it. Power County residents have farmed their land for many generations, and wish to continue doing so.

Power lines and modern agriculture do not mix well together. An important part of modern agriculture is aerial application or "crop dusting". Crop dusting is essential for many reasons. I personally have witnessed 3 airplane accidents involving transmission lines, which accidents left 6 people dead. Crop dusters will not apply the chemicals in the areas of power lines. I have already had to aerially apply fungicides to over 1,000 acres this year. My entire crop could be destroyed without the option of aerial application. There are many like me that will be impacted by this line. We must be able to crop dust or our farms could become worthless.

The BLM has ignored our interests and our expertise. This is not right. The BLM should be working to find a solution, not ignoring the wishes of the citizens. There is nearly unanimous opposition in our task force to the BLM's preferred alternative for segments 5 and 7, and yet the BLM considers themselves to be the ultimate dictator. The BLM has made a decision they should be ashamed of. It is not yet too late to try and correct this mistake.

*Wade Povey*  
*American Falls Idaho*  
*8329*

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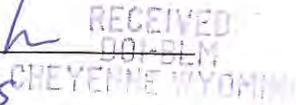
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fine with having them we  
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everything that power runs

Deanna Ratcliff



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To Whom It May Concern,

I recently learned that after a couple years of attending meetings, voicing our opinions, and personal stress concerning the placement of the Gateway West Transmission line, someone far removed from the Southern Idaho area wants to once again route the path of the 250kv power line through our private properties. As I understand it, either of the proposed alternate routes would pass within yards of my home, and after talking to someone who works for a power company and has experience with this type of line, it would render my home virtually uninhabitable and completely destroy our

property value. My wife and I are not wealthy people, and a good portion of our life savings are tied up in the value of our one and only home. We originally bought this property sixteen years ago because of the beautiful location, and we have no desire to move, but if this line is rerouted we will have no choice. We will also likely lose most or all of our equity, because we won't be able to get a good price on the sale of our home. I am told the existing power line through the Birds of Prey area has not caused any negative impact on wildlife, but if you reroute it through our private properties it will have a hugely negative impact on the affected people and the communities as a whole. While I usually applaud efforts to protect wildlife, in this case I see no benefit whatsoever to wildlife, only a federal government ignoring the wishes and knowledge of the local citizens, communities, towns, state, and power company to impose a bad decision. Please do the right thing and allow the local experts and citizens on the scene to make the right decision. Don't destroy my home, my savings, and my faith in the federal government.

Sincerely,

Tyler Risen  
Melba, Idaho

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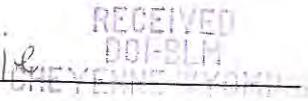


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As a new employee to the Cassia County area and seasonal visitor throughout my youth, I have constantly enjoyed the natural beauty and scenic stimulus that Idaho has to offer. The open environment, family friendly atmosphere, and clean roadways throughout the Burley area. But upon hearing and reviewing the proposed transmission powerline, this established and treasured memories will be destroyed on the installment of this project if it runs through the Burley area, especially through the Golden Valley Area.

The proposed project states that each proposed project is to lessen effects on sagebrush, wildlife, or BLM land. But what is this powerline for? To better facilitate the

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native wildlife or the native citizens of Idaho?

I am not saying that the wildlife or BLM land is not important! But ~~the~~ putting the powerlines straight through farmland will affect livestock, crop production, and hazards to farmers. If these powerlines go in, farmers and livestock, as well as children playing, are at greater risk of death ~~thous~~ all because sagebrush and BLM land does not want to be affected.

Using the feasible alternative route still allows for the powerline to be used without running it through farms and land that we call home. Now the once scenic oasis will become an industrial factory and take away what Idaho thrives to continue into the future and future generations. The feasible alternative route allows for both power and safety to be the top priority. I want to bring others to know of the memories I have seen and lived in this great state, without the giant powerlines taking away work, animal livestock, and the years and decades of hardwork these farmers, citizens, and loyal idahoans have sweat to build and ~~go~~ leave behind. I have been here for some time, and hope that you will consider the feasible route to put in the powerline.

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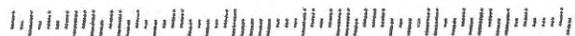
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I support the BLM agency's preferred segment 8 alternative route bypassing the Birds of Prey (BOP) area and headed through Kuna.

My fear with the other proposed routes going through the BOP area is the severe disruption to the sage-grouse critical habitat and the destruction of the remaining Slickspot Peppergrass colonies. Once these physical Peppergrass locations are destroyed, the Peppergrass can never come back.

To quote the USFWS Listing *Lepidium papilliferum* (Slickspot Peppergrass) as a threatened species throughout its range; Final rule. Federal Register October 8, 2009: "Slick spots take a long time to form; those existing now were likely formed during the Pleistocene, and then altered early in the Holocene

when salt deposits were layered over them by wind. It is thought that slick spots are no longer being formed in today's climate, so when they are destroyed they are permanently lost."

It's sad to think that after 12 thousand years of perilous desert survival, a Peppergrass location was snuffed out by a helicopter's beating blade backwash, or a tower crew standing around eating lunch and stomping out a cigarette.

Or, all the prolonged construction commotion scared the sage-grouse into moving away and many were dispersed or killed as a result of the "Law of Unintended Consequences."

I fear with the tower construction, the helicopters, and the supporting crews advancing through the BOP like an army; along with the public drawn to the construction spectacle as if it were a fire or car accident, they will inadvertently run over and obliterate Slickspot Peppergrass colonies without even knowing what just happened. Sad to think that where Congress set aside the BOP for the public enjoyment and set laws in motion to prevent destruction of rare and irreplaceable plants and animals that it could happen again right under their noses in the interest of a utility saving money.

If you're a believer in "Murphy's Law", you must assume that the sage-grouse and Slickspot Peppergrass habitats will suffer more harm than currently anticipated.

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Failing that decision, I support actually going through the ANG training grounds just a bit SOUTH of the current 500 KVA lines.

No doubt the military claims their tank operations will be disrupted, but as a land owner holding hundreds of acres within the BOP National Conservation Area that also borders the ANG training area in section #8 at Pleasant Valley rd, I'm able to observe this location daily and they DO NOT use this East-West strip because the terrain is too rocky and is often inhabited by the public for rifle shooting.

While they might claim it's in the training mission / defense interest, it's really nothing more than a bit of turf-protection strategy. Most of this southern strip area over by the Pleasant Valley rd. area is already heavily damaged by the public with dumping & shooting, free-range cattle watering sites, and no new flora/fauna harm can possibly be done to it.

Finally, if it's decided that the new line should advance through the BOP, what measures will be taken to mitigate dust and noise generated by construction project vehicles advancing daily through Pleasant Valley rd? There must be some environmental impact to Bald eagles, assorted raptors, and to human families living on and/or the public using the BOP for recreation.

Remember, the BOP is a National Conservation Area, not a Convenient Bypass Area.

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Walt,

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Thank You

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I've lived in Nampa for almost 70 years  
and I don't see how this would impact  
the Bird of Prey Area.

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I endorse the Segment 9D route. This route parallels the existing 138 kV line and the new road through the Snake River Birds of Prey. I do not agree with running it through private property or in the foothills of the Owyhees. Also we support a "phase decision".

Thank you,

Chris & Carol Rowe



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**From:** **Kent** <[rudeenk@dcwb.net](mailto:rudeenk@dcwb.net)>  
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Please include my comments,  
Kent and Francine Rudeen

GATEWAY WEST COMMENTS;

June 28, 2013

Please accept the following comments concerning the Gateway transmission power line project. Most of our concerns are centered on the impact in Power County as you have proposed putting the line on our personal property. We strongly object to the location due to environmental and economic impacts such as:

Sharp Tail Grouse and Sage Grouse;

The impact on birds and habitat on our private property has not been assessed as it is on Public lands. If our land was Public you would have found a way around it. We have a plentiful population of sharp tail grouse and many other birds (pheasants, partridges, etc.). The Pro and Amateur field dog trials have been held on my lands next to Cold Creek (and under the proposed line sites) for 24 years. It is one of the finest areas for their trials in the northwest due to the abundance of sharp tails. They will probably discontinue this location due to the influence of your transmission line.

View shed:

Why is the sight of these transmission lines a reason not to locate on public lands but not taken into account on private lands? The sight of them on my lands will be apparent every day when I look out my window. They will deter many future land sales in the area and interfere with my right to enjoy my property and recreational uses for others.

Eagle Corridor;

My property near Cold Creek Road serves as an Eagle flight corridor in winter months. Wind companies have studied and determined not to build in this area due to the fact that they think it will deter Eagles from accessing the Bowen Canyon Bald Eagle Sanctuary. Your transmission line runs thru this corridor without study or consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Not only will you risk impacts with Eagles but you most likely will deter them from the route most commonly used.

Land Impacts;

It is likely that your transmission lines will have a negative impact on my ability to use my lands i.e.: for recreational and hunting income. CRP leases could be impacted. Construction such as road work and tower placement will decrease the value of my property. The proposed way of compensation (buying an easement at market price) does not come close to the economic impact I will endure from the transmission lines.

WECC Requirements;

Separation of lines by a wide distance was the main argument used to pick your routes. The WECC standards are applied differently across the country or not followed at all. You should rethink using these standards and be more adaptable in route selection. I object to your use of WECC criteria for site selection since it is inconsistent and impractical.

Need to build:

I think that since the concept and proposal of this project began things have changed in the need for it. MISTI recently put their project on hold due the fact of the natural gas boom has made it so power can more easily and economically be generated where it is going to be used, rather than building large transmission lines to ship wind and coal power through Idaho to the West Coast. They told me the opportunity to contract delivery of power had changed so much that their project was not feasible at this time. Gateway should change their way of thinking before building this line.

In summary, the environmental and economic impacts on private lands have been under estimated and under evaluated. Please look at the impacts you are creating for the citizens who are carrying the burden for your project and postpone it indefinitely. We strongly object to the project.

Sincerely,

Kent and Francine Rudeen

2860 Cold Creek Road, American Falls, ID 83211

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Lines through the Melba Valley,  
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Its Our Home.

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We strongly oppose the BLM Preferred Routes, because  
They disregard the  
Health AND Quality of Life effected by  
the "people" living in the proposed AREAS.

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Comment:

Please don't put the power line on test hill. I have been flying that area since 1992 and would love to fly there with my kids some day. So many places to put power lines - please just jockey them off to the side somehow so that they don't disrupt recreational activity etc.

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Comment:  
I oppose the placement of power lines on Test hill. I am a paraglider pilot would like this site preserved for that use.

Gateway West comment/concern

June 28<sup>th</sup>  
SP#1060

Heather

Want all former comments  
of past 6 years to go on this  
comment period.

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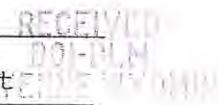
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The "Preferred Alternative" will destroy the value of the following private land in our title, the highest and best use of which is subdivision residential adjoining the Snake River and the secondary use as irrigated agricultural. The land is described as

Township 1, South, Range 2 West, B.M Owyhee County, Idaho, Section 21, Lots 6 and 5, and Section 28, Lots 4 and 5. The described land is immediately adjoining SRBOP and entitled to the same protection as provided to it and would be lost if the "preferred alternative" is adopted.

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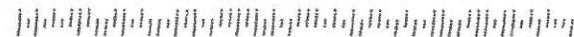


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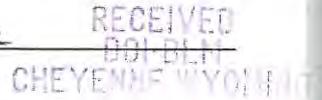


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Last Name: Searle



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Your present proposed power line route will greatly affect us negatively. You're looking at making a power corridor which will bring more lines through this area. Parts of this farm has been in our family for years. And you are crossing a good share of it. We have made comments on this before and it seems to have been overlooked. We still have the same concerns that were listed in the previous comments. I feel that the best route would be the proposed Southern route that has been proposed and supported by our county.



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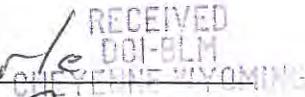


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Date: 6-21-2013

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It is ~~unfa~~ too bad that this process has not answered the questions and concerns of my previous letters - (See Feb 2, 2009. After almost five years of taking comments - very little has changed. You gave opportunity to comment - but whoever evaluated the information presented just ignored it and did just what the proponents wanted. Cassia & Power Counties and others did not say no. We just wanted it sited where it would cause the least impact to the existing homes, farms, and other established businesses. A little over a year ago you changed the rules and the sage grouse became even more important than people, when the

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rules changed the process should have been required to start over. However, that would not had made a difference - You knew what you wanted to be the end result when the process started. The proponents do not ~~to~~ want to cross BLM ground - it costs them an annual lease cost on BLM ground - But private property they have a one time cost. The impacts on the local economy are not correct and with land prices continuing to rise their estimates are not realistic. BLM refused to allow Cassia County to be a cooperating agency and completely ignored Idaho's Land Use Planning Act. This gives the counties the right to site these projects. The requests to evaluate placing the lines underground as is being done elsewhere was basically ignored. We were allowed to speak but the information given was not fairly considered and evaluated. What could have been a cooperative effort will now result in a long and expensive fight.

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Comment:

These powerlines will interfere with human livelihood.  
Is that more important than a bird?

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Additional points specific to residences affected by Alternate 8B on South Pleasant Valley Road -

- Alternate 8B narrowly threads a 500 KV transmission line through 5 private residences, potentially affecting property values and increasing the likelihood of wildfires. The well being of private land owners appears to be of no value given the following facts:

"Alternative 8B is 0.5 mile longer than the comparison portion of the Proposed Route and would cross 24.6 more miles of private land and 25.8 fewer miles of BLM-managed land" (EIS Section 3.17 pg. 100 Land Ownership).

"Alternative 8B, which is part of the Preferred Route, would pass within 1,000 feet of 60 residences versus 12 for the comparison portion of the Proposed Route... Twenty-four of the residences within 1,000 feet of Alternative 8B are located within 300 feet of the proposed ROW centerline versus 2 for the comparison portion of the Proposed Route" (EIS Section 3.17 pg. 107 Number of Residences within 1,000 feet and 300 feet – Segment 8).

Other accommodations have been made elsewhere for private residences – "... the route angles northwest away from the existing 230-kV corridor at the Gooding County/Elmore County line for approximately 7 miles to avoid impacts to a residence in the Clover Creek area". (EIS Chapter 2 pg. 75 under 2.4.9.2 Proposed Route (8, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g, 8h, 8i, 11)).

- The South Pleasant Valley residences affected by Alternate 8B are not future planned developments but long existing family residences, unlike the area mentioned in EIS Section 3.4 pg. 83 - The Osprey Ridge development proposal has a recorded agreement with the City of Kuna; however, the City had not received an application for development as of September 2012."
- The potential for increased wild fire activity due to the transmission line proposed for Alternate 8b is acknowledged multiple times in section 3.17 of the EIS yet there is no defined fire protection for the private family homes affected on South Pleasant Valley Road

"the Project area often experiences fire ignitions that quickly escalate to large fires, due to fuel types including annual grasses and brush" (EIS Section 3.17 pg. 29 Fire Management).

"the proposed transmission line would increase the potential for ignitions along the corridor, particularly during summertime red flag warnings" (EIS Section 3.17 pg. 58 Fire Management).

An alternative suggestion to the South Pleasant Valley road section of Alternate 8B is to follow the existing transmission lines near Kuna Mora road (potentially named the Danskin to Hubbard Substation 230 line). Although the need for "physical separation is needed due to existing transmission line congestion (multiple lines in the same area) and wildland fires resulting in outages" (EIS Chapter 1 pg. 28 Table 1.3-3 Segment 8—Midpoint to Hemingway) there are other areas where multiple transmission lines exist ( for example 5 transmission lines north of I-84 in the Boise – Mountain Home vicinity).

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As a private land owner I strongly urge you to  
keep the powerlines off of and far away from privately  
owned land.  
Idaho power needs to pay up, and put the lines  
through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey defined area!!!  
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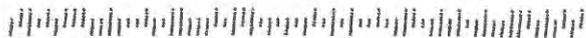


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As a dairy family for the last 40 years, 18 of which have been spent in Idaho, we are keenly aware of the negative aspects of transmission lines such as the proposed Gateway Project will bring with them. Cows and Farming do not mix with high voltage transmission lines. Encroaching into private land used mainly for farming and food production when a perfectly logical alternative exists is ludicrous.

We strongly support Segment 8 and Segment 9 D and oppose the BLM Preferred Routes (Private lands) as expressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Please revisit BLM's decision and make the RIGHT choice.

Sincerely,

Jim Slegers  
Land Owner

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# Idaho Dairymen's Association, Inc.

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February 11, 2013

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Gentlemen,

I am writing to make you aware of concerns the Idaho Dairymen's Association (IDA) has over the proximity of alternate routes for the Gateway West transmission line to dairy operations in Idaho. Our concern, with the alternate routes' proximity to dairy farms and agricultural ground, centers on the economic impact of taking irrigated ground out of production, and for the potential of stray voltage to negatively impact our dairy producers viability.

The Idaho dairy industry is the largest segment of the rural Idaho community with milk sales generating \$2.5 billion annually which is 33% of the total Idaho agricultural receipts. The IDA was established in 1944 with the purpose of developing and sustaining an economically viable Idaho dairy industry. In 2003 the IDA formed the Idaho Dairy Environmental Action League (IDEAL) to address environmental and legal issues such as this. We believe the alternate route challenges our ability to "sustain" certain operations and we would greatly appreciate your willingness to take into consideration those concerns when determining where the transmission lines should be placed.

Stray voltage is not isolated to Idaho and several court decisions have found in the favor of dairy operations in Idaho and across the United States because of the negative impact of stray voltage on those operations. The most recent case we have been following has been tied up in the Utah court system for the past ten years. That case involves dairy producers located by the Intermountain Power Project (IPP) located in Delta, Utah.

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The Idaho dairy industry through IDA and IDEAL is willing to invest, if necessary, the time and resources that would be required to protect their animals, property and economic viability. The Gateway West alternate route in the Kuna, Idaho area places the transmission lines within a quarter of a mile of some of our dairy operations. That close proximity to dairy operations raises major concerns for our industry.

I have attached three technical articles that discuss induced voltages from transmission lines that will help explain our concerns with having high voltage transmission lines in close proximity to dairies. The articles discuss potential stray voltage issues with a distribution line running parallel to a nearby transmission line leading to stray voltage on customer property. The articles also provide results of computer modeling on various system attributes that could contribute to stray voltage from transmission lines.

This is a serious issue to our industry, providing an adequate buffer between our dairy operations and the transmission lines is critical.

Please contact me with any questions. I can be reached by phone at 208-308-3382 or by email at bob@wdb.us

Sincerely,



Bob Naerebout  
Executive Director  
Idaho Dairymen's Association

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- Bonnie Butler, Office of Governor Butch Otter.
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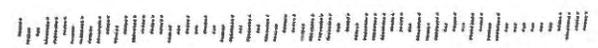


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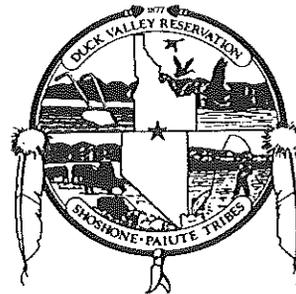
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Thank you  
Gordon Smith  
Bear Lake Ranches Property Owner

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May 21, 2013

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Re: Cultural Landscapes Report by Walker Research Group, Ltd.: Gateway West Project

Dear Mr. Tucker,

We wish to provide you with this official indication of our review and approval of the copy we have received of the 2-part report by Walker Research Group, Ltd., concerning the cultural landscapes in our homelands of southern Wyoming and Idaho. We hope that BLM officials and others in authority will take notice of this important ethnographic study in locating the proposed Gateway West power line right-of-way. These landscapes must be protected as an important part of our homeland and living heritage.

We also wish to see this report shared with the BLM, but we do not wish to see it made public. The information it contains should be kept confidential. We understand that the BLM is willing to recognize our request and we would appreciate a response concerning who will see this report besides the URS Corporation and BLM.

Sincerely,

Dennis Smith, Tribal Chairman  
Shoshone Paiute Tribes

Cc: William Killam, Vice President URS Corporation  
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Comment:

Consider using & improving the existing road to the Power line Construction site in Segment 4 in Idaho. Off the County Road from Sharon Idaho there is an existing road-(Marked McArthur-Southwick) that heads west over the hill thru a flat then to the top of the hill where the towers will be built - Coordinates: (Township T12S Range 43E Section 07) & Access Road from the South east Quarter to the top of the hill where the towers are to be built, If these existing roads would be used & improved it would enable the land owners better access to their properties. In Retrospect this may give us as landowners a better feeling of power line project in our neighborhood. As Roads have always been an issue in this area.  
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Therefore by helping improve & use these roads, since we can't change the course of the powerline, this may help alleviate some of the tension between landowners & the Gateway project. Thank you for your consideration

Landowners Lot 25 Bear Lake Ranchette  
Theron Blake & Jana Southwick

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5. This alteration without impact is a violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) a Federal Processing Law for all matters of this kind.

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Thu, Jun 27, 2013 at 5:11 PM

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Thank you for responding.

In my comments on the Draft EIS, I pointed out that "The DEIS failed to incorporate important published and unpublished data about raptors, habitat, and prey species in the NCA." Your response to my comments was: "We are not clear on what published and unpublished data you are referring to. Please provide specific examples." I have attached a list of publications based on research on raptors, habitat, and prey in the NCA. I hope that these findings were considered in the Compatibility analysis and, if not, that they will be considered in future decisions about Gateway West alternatives.

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The compatibility review involved internal discussions between the BLM Idaho State Office and National Landscape Conservation System staff in the BLM Washington Office. The discussions involved proposed and alternative routes in and in the vicinity of the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and associated resources, both public and private; impacts there from; and the intent and requirements of enabling legislation and land use planning decisions for the NCA. No report was prepared. The Agency position regarding a preferred route for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project from these discussions is presented in the Final EIS.

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Thank you,

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# Final EIS Comment Form

Gateway West Transmission Line Project

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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:

WHETHER  
my biggest issue is IF Idaho Power even needs this additional power line. Why not take existing lines and put in heavier lines to support additional power, IF it is needed. I do not support any of the routes as it diminishes property values no matter where it goes. Our Human lives + property values are certainly more important than dim-witted Sage Grouse + other Bird species that BLM thinks is important, Idaho Power needs to prove they really can not do this project in some other fashion.



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**From:** **Chris Stewart** <[cbsstewart@live.com](mailto:cbsstewart@live.com)>  
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I am very concerned about some of the options being considered for the new Gateway west transmission line project. I am strongly opposed to the “BLM Preferred routes” segment 8B and 9E and proponent’s proposed segment 9) as expressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. I strongly SUPPORT segment 8 and segment 9D.

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 have talked with many of my neighbors as well and we all strongly feel the same way. Please DO NOT use the BLM Preferred routes or the proponents segment 9. Please use routes outlined in segment 8 and 9D.

Thank you,  
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