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Subject: A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 3:57:07 PM

A final EIS comment from gatewaywesteis.com.

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These issues were not thoroughly studied:

EIS Section 2.91, Page 2-206

- o Minor adverse impacts on private property is subjective by BLM.
- o Multiple power line effects minimized.

EIS Page 3.18-24

- o Crop Spraying and Transmission Line are not compatible.

EIS Page 1-21

- o WECC Separation criteria is lowered but not included in this EIS.

EIS Page 2-45

- o More distance is good if BLM requires it.
- o More distance is bad if Idaho counties requires it.

EIS Page 2-129

- o BLM didn't follow it's own policies and procedures about burying power lines for Sage Grouse habitat. (BLM's own Greater Sage-Grouse Interim Management Policies and Procedures Instruction Memorandum (IM), Page 3.)

EIS Page 2-193

- o Longer length on Public land is bad.
- o Longer length on Private land is good.

EIS Page 3.4-42

- o Private Property negotiations are overshadowed by Eminent Domain Law interference, which isn't even addressed in the entire EIS.

EIS Page 3.11-12

- o Idaho's Sage Grouse Maps are not included.

EIS Page 3.18-12

- o "No Action" alternative can be for private property as well.

EIS Page 3.18-21

- o 2001 GPS study for Agriculture outdated.

Gateway West Final EIS is probably sufficient for BLM's jurisdiction of public lands. For private property, BLM has no jurisdiction or expertise and this EIS is reflective of this with insufficient information from Idaho's counties.

Under NEPA section 4332(c) concerning what must be analyzed and included in each Environmental Impact Statement, sub-sections d through g outlines the Federal Agency's burden to find alternatives, which involves unresolved conflicts. There still exists many unresolved conflicts between Federal agencies and Idaho County and State agencies that this EIS does not resolve in its present form.

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Date: June 24, 2013

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Comment:

After attending one of the Idaho Public meetings to learn more of the details concerning Gateway West Transmission Line Project, I would like to write a few comments.

I am not in favor of the lines crossing some of the prime farmland in Cassia County. It seems unnecessary to cross through homes and yards, corrals with livestock, and fields covered with pivots used for irrigation. There is plenty of land in the southern part of Cassia County that is not farmed and it is very lightly populated. It would not be necessary to cut up farms.



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Prime farmland is selling for premium prices. Farmers are only compensated once while public land is compensated yearly with a lease.

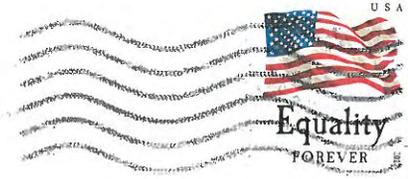
I hope common sense and wisdom will prevail when this important decision is made.

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Myself and my household of 6 do 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 within the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Our Kuna and Melba Communities will be negatively impacted by the BLM preferred Routes. If BLM preferred routes are excepted, then the collaborative effort as Idaho citizens and our Idaho governmental authorities will be turned back as meaningless by Washington DC. DO THE RIGHT THING WASHINGTON, do not except BLM preferred Routes and select either segment 8 or 9D.

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This land is on the public and should be our public land as much as possible.

Other transmission lines are going to want to follow the same route which will have a major effect on Cassia County in the future. I know this is not the BLM's problem but I feel it should be considered.

I think that underground transmission is growing rapidly and should be considered for future transmission lines.

Cassia County worked hard to make a transmission corridor for these lines, but it was not considered.

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Name: Mark Streeter



because birds vote about homes, families and farms, I feel this is wrong.

This line should go north of the river in Minnesota County on the desert with the other power lines.

I know there are points below Center of the Moon and the river, but W&K is allowing lines to be placed closer together than they were when this project started. This is a much better place for power lines than through a populated area and farms. I know trees and shrubs are a concern but I feel with planned grazing this concern could be lessened. I would like to see Governor and the BLM support this option.

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Rick and Sharon Strickland

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Ch 3.21.1.4 Methods, pp.3.21-5,3.21-6 states in part: "...proposed transmission line runs in parallel with other lines but at a separation of at least 1500 feet..." OBJECTION: The line that currently runs below our house, approx. 1/4 mile south of us does not have 1500 feet on either side of it in which to put new transmission line--private property (ours and neighbors-not the property owners where line now runs) are closer than that. There are now 80-ft high wooden poles w/transmission lines. You cannot physically put 160/180- foot lattice towers within 1500 feet of that line, and even if you make the separation smaller (IF you could obtain a ROW to do so), it would adversely affect our views and our property values, in addition to area populations of deer, pheasant, ducks, geese, quail, rabbit, fox and coyote. Did you even bother to check out our "KEY OBSERVATION POINT" from our house, which has southern exposure, with outside decks directly facing the proposed path where you want to put

160/180-ft towers only about a quarter mile from our house? We strongly object to the BLM-preferred route for Segment 8 of the proposed transmission line. Figure A-10 indicates there are other alternatives for the portion of that route between Midpoint Substation and Glenns Ferry, across mostly federal land. My husband's family has owned and lived on this property for over 60 years, and there are parts of our own land that are now in agriculture which we could develop into residential sites for our children in the future. However, 160/180- foot lattice towers within 1/4 mile would ruin those views and those property values well into the future. There ARE other alternatives for this line besides destroying the value of private property! BLM should NOT be allowed to devalue our property by choosing private property for the proposed transmission line. That is federal over-reach.

From: jnclain@blm.gov on behalf of [Gateway West Trans Line, BLM WY](#)
To: blm@gwcomment.com
Subject: Fwd: Question re Segment 8 Preferred Route
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 3:26:31 PM

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From: **Sharon Strickland** <sharland2@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, May 21, 2013 at 11:17 AM
Subject: Question re Segment 8 Preferred Route
To: [Gateway West WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov)
Cc: Rick Strickland <rick@rickstricklandrealestate.com>

To Whom It May Concern:

We are homeowners & landowners in Gooding County, Idaho, at T.6S, R.14E, Section 22. We have been reviewing the final EIS and interactive maps, etc. It appears that the BLM preferred route in Section 8 for the Gateway West 500-V line will run directly south of our property, parallel to an existing line that is approximately 1/4 - 1/2 mile south of our land on another landowner's property.

Can you confirm the proximity of the preferred route in relation to our property? The information in the EIS is very confusing, as to preferred routes, alternative routes, key observation points, etc., because there are several existing lines south of us that could be alternatives.

Thank you for your assistance.

Richard & Sharon Strickland
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STAY OUT of the Neeley Area!! We have a good quality of life here, lots of Eagles, hawks, Pheasants, etc. We had a guy come ask our opinion, we told him we were totally against it! We have written comments at least 3 times, The last ones were sent to Doug Balfour. The last meeting I attended there were lots of people there who had sent in comments, But in the book with comments none of ~~us~~ us were listed! Do you just throw these away? A man and a

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Name: Chuck Strom

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lady checked on their lap tops but still could not find our names.

This line is just to make more money for administrative + stock holders. ~~the~~

The power will be put on the asid to be sold to the highest bidder (probably California) If they want the power let them build it in their state.

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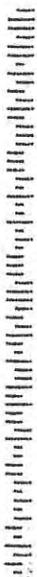
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Date: May 9, 2013

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Last Name: Svedin

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Organization or Office Name: Owner of 160 A Farm

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Comment:

I have a 160 A Farm and a house I live in on the farm.

I live across the road from one alternative rt. This farm is for my living as I get older. I am 74 now if the lines go so close to my farm I will not be able to sell the land. we milk cows on sight. cows and power lines don't get along.

I fill it would be best

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Name: Ellen Kaye Svedin



To go by The existing power
Lines.

I live on The south west
side of Robinson Rd Kuna and
south of Kuna cave Rd.

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I support segment 8 and segment 9D

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Comment:

My name is Lonnie Svedin, and myself and my family live on a farm in Melba, Idaho. Our residence currently resides in the proposed route segment 8 of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project. I am writing to implore you to changing this route to the Alternative 8B segment, which would avoid our residence and many other private homes and land in the Melba Valley. In order to avoid public ground, the current proposed route would directly cross over our ground, or cross directly adjacent to our residence. There would be built a 500 Kv double circuit lattice steel tower on or adjacent to our property. We feel this will not only severely depreciate the value of our home due to obvious aesthetic reasons, but more importantly, we feel it is potentially hazardous to our families health and the outcome of milk production that our dairy cows will produce. My wife and I have 3 boys that range from the ages of



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Name: Lonnie Suedin



8 to 14 years, and we cannot in good conscience expose them to such a close proximity of these dangerous magnetic fields. Although Idaho Power and the BLM claims there are no definitive studies in the U.S. supporting these health hazards, there have been many cases of sicknesses, infertility in humans, and growth hinderance in children, associated with these types of towers being present in close proximity, throughout the world. My wife is a healthcare provider, and unless there are proper studies conducted that show absolutely no ill-effects on humans, we will not live so close to these towers. Consequently we are very concerned over this matter, because we will not be able to sell our home at a fair price, if even at all, due to the decrease in property value. This would result in us having to move from a community we love and potentially being ruined financially. In addition, our lovely melba community would be aesthetically ~~be~~ tarnished, which having been born and raised in melba, will be very hard to witness. My wife and I feel that the alternative 8b segment is an excellent alternative route. It contains a lot ~~of~~ more ground that is sparsely populated and affects less private citizens. After speaking with Walt George on May 9, 2013, we learned that even though this route covers part of the birds of prey conservation area, these towers were not found to be detrimental to this area. He said that Washington DC. showed no studies that showed that these towers would ~~pre~~enhance the birds of prey area, and therein lies the problem. Having lived across from the Birds of Prey area most of my life, I have witnessed many birds, Hawks in particular, who have built ~~th~~ nests atop current power line towers, and have noticed no ill effects, and actually feel it has proven beneficial. Due to all of these important concerns please consider our livelihood in your final decisions. Thank you very much! Lonnie + Lynne Suedin

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with Segment 8B + 9E Construction at Such A High Cost + The High Cost of Windmill Electricity which is unneeded would greatly Burden Idaho Residents To the point They may not Be Able To Afford it.

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Date: June 5, 2013

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that this is a letter of protest regarding the proposed alternate route 8B through the Kuna, Melba ID area. This route directly impacts huge amounts of private land where large numbers of homes are located. The impact to home owners, developers and farmers especially will be impacted negatively. Idaho Power understood this and proposed the current route and submitted it to the BLM. They are currently working on a proposal for the improvements needed to meet the requirements for improving the route since it goes through the Snake River Birds of Prey. Please note there are already corridors for large power lines through this area.

After a number of meetings with Idaho Power, where the BLM was represented, many letters to congressmen, as well as the Idaho Power huge EIS studies, the current proposed route was developed and approved by Idaho Power and the private land owners. This is a good route that impacts little since power lines already exist in this corridor. Many of the local BLM employees we have spoken with also agree this is a good, workable route. It seems that bureaucrats in Washington DC don't see it this way. Instead they choose an alternate route that will cost more due to the need to purchase large amounts of private land. This will impact our power bills for years to come, and not positively. It will destroy many local farmers who are already struggling. It seems to us that this is one of the most critical issues with the proposed alternate. Farming is not the most popular way to make a living these days and those that want to farm are being asked yet again to sacrifice for the US Government. Food producing farms are very important to the entire structure of this country, why destroy more? It is also a common fact of medicine that people with heart problems, especially pace makers should not live near these high powered lines. There are many potential victims who will have to sell their homes and move elsewhere so they can survive. This is another huge issue for senior citizens who, due to the economic time, are already struggling.

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There is much concern regarding the impact to the SRBOP area and the food sources for the raptors that exist there. They don't know boundary lines and eat outside the boundaries as frequently as in the boundaries. The rodents, rabbits, snakes and other creatures they eat are cyclic species as it is. The raptors will not starve, be assured. The dry desert terrain in the SRBOP is subject to huge range fires that destroy more than the power line ever will. However, there seems to be little regard for the welfare of children, grandchildren, pets, livestock and adults that will have to live within the alternate corridor proposed by the BLM.

Please listen to those of us that live in these areas and understand what this will do to our quality of life. We love the raptors and watching them nest in our trees, even out of the SRBOP area. We also love our families, our farmers and our small communities. We are the heart of America and what helps make this country great. The bureaucrats in Washington should visit the area before they make these kinds of decisions with our lives and give us the ability to talk to them directly.

We implore you to accept Idaho Power's proposed route. We are not opposed to the power line at all, just the placement of it.

Respectfully,

Jerry and Ramona Sword
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Comment:

As we already commented before, Hagerman Valley is a very beautiful part of Idaho. We have spring water, wild life, great weather for gardens and fruits, especially water-melons, access to fishing and hunting, etc. To us, it is a "heavenly" place to live. We already have much more than our share of huge towers and power lines in this valley because of the hydroelectric power plants on the Snake River. We don't want any more!
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Name:

Jed & Vernita Talbott



Not only is the aesthetic value of our property diminishing but people, including ourselves, are fearful of the health consequences of living near the power lines.

At the last BLM meeting we attended in Twin Falls, I mentioned that the grouse should not come before the human rights. I was told not to harp on this or we will be in the same predicament as Oregon's logging and the Spotted Owl.

Are the Environment groups in charge of running this country now?

Please choose the alternate route that does not go through Hagerman Valley.

Thank you,

Vernita Talbott

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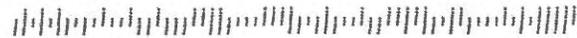
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June 20, 2013

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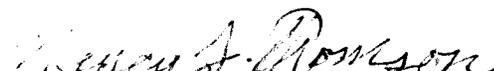
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Very truly yours,


J. Brent Thomson


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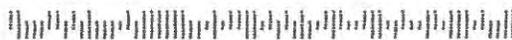
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Subject: Gateway West transmission line comment
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BLM:

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Sincerely,

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The feasible route would be 9DFGH less environmental impact on hand, wildlife and private land. No impact on Sage Grouse. It would be the best route shown. The very best route would be 250 ft. right beside the existing line.

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Merritt Thornhill and currently live in the route the transmission line you are proposing. My address is 3245 Thornhill Lane, American Falls, Idaho 83211.

I am in **Complete Opposition** of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project. My wife and I moved here in 1997. I lost my wife 7 years ago and her remains are in the route in which you are proposing. 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.

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 couple hundred feet of my home thereby eliminating the any value of my property, the wildlife, the eagles. This location would also create electrolysis that is harmful to anyone's health. I have a contract to sell my property currently in place. Your initial plan could jeopardize this contract which I would then hold you responsible for my loss.

The planning staff should be embarrassed that the location they chose is in a sensitive Bald Eagle Flight Path as well as a historic dam and structure located on Indian Springs just to the east. The wildlife concerns as well as the environmental concerns are paramount to such a project and has obviously been overlooked or swept under the rug this far.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Merritt Thornhill in cursive, followed by the date 11/16/2012.

Merritt Thornhill

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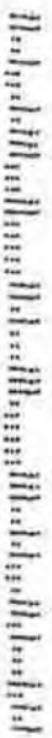
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Date: Tue, May 28, 2013 at 10:20 PM
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Cc: aaron.gibson@rockymountainpower.net, kconnelly@lcwy.org,
Robert.Mckim@wyoleg.gov

Please find attached my comments for the Final EIS regarding the Gateway West Transmission Line. Thank you.

Jason Thornock

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Gateway West Transmission Line Project
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To whom it may concern:

I am an affected landowner and homeowner and am submitting my comments regarding the Gateway West Transmission Line Project. I have been actively involved and participated in every public meeting and open house regarding this project from the beginning. All of the proposed and alternative routes that have been considered in segment 4 of this project would directly impact our property at some point, so we have closely monitored and actively participated in the process. The most recent "preferred alternative" is extremely concerning and unnecessarily places the line where it would have very negative impacts. Sadly, the determination to choose the current route was made based on misinformation and willful disregard for the impacts this route will have. To add insult to injury, this determination was made only very recently and shortly before the final EIS was released when it was "too late" to consider much better alternatives.

We have spent the past two years focused on alternative 4F, which was the proponents preferred alternative until February of last year. Unlike the various other alternative routes under consideration (including the current preferred alternative), 4F was carefully plotted out and affected landowners were given site specific details of where the line would be built. Because we had a clear picture of where the proposed line would be if 4F were the chosen route, we were able to make informed decisions and recommendations as to why that route was a very poor choice and petitioned for consideration of better alternatives. This was a very lengthy and time consuming process. Affected landowners, community members, and county leaders made it clear that alternative 4F was not an acceptable route and we recommended that the new line be built along the existing line where a corridor had already been established and the impacts would be minimized.

Since the current preferred alternative had never been discussed in any detail, we wrongly assumed that the new line would be on the south side of the existing line where there was plenty of open space, cooperative landowners and minimal impact. Gateway West representatives had met with Tim and Mathew Teichert and had done surveying south of the existing line and had led them to believe that the new line would be south of the existing line on Teicherts property and Tim and Mathew had expressed their willingness to negotiate an easement there. I had attended every scheduled meeting regarding segment 4 and had never heard or seen any suggestion that the new line would be on the north side of the existing line if the existing corridor were chosen. The county commissioners had recommended and assumed that the new line should be built south of the existing line. In private conversations with the proponents representatives, there was never any indication that they would put the new line so close to the town of Cokeville or on the north side of the existing line.

When we commenced construction of our new home in the fall of 2011 just west of the town of Cokeville, the thought never entered our minds that the current proposed alternative was even a possibility even though we had been on the mailing list and attended every available meeting since the beginning of the project. My wife and I were less than enthused when we became aware only last fall that the view and home site that had been 10 years in the making would be forever marred by a 160' tall power line structure right out our front window. When Tim Teichert learned that the proponent intended to survey for the new line in the fall of 2012 on the north side of the existing line it was the first time he had ever heard of that

proposed location. In fact he felt that he had been deliberately misled since all previous discussions throughout the process had focused on crossings south of the existing line. Fred Roberts hadn't been previously made aware of the new preferred alternative's location until he got the call last fall to do surveying in his back yard.

We as affected landowners along with the mayor of Cokeville and the county commissioners immediately made known our deep concerns with the new preferred alternative and requested a meeting with a representative of the proponent. Rocky Mountain Power sent Shawn Graff to Cokeville to meet with us and look at the location of the proposed route. We showed him the close proximity to Cokeville, the crossing of a Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easement, and two houses (including my own) that would be severely impacted by this route. We reemphasized again as we had done previously that the line would not cross Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge if moved south, though all of the proponent's and BLM's project maps wrongly label the area as Refuge property.

It is interesting that one of the reasons given on the brochure for the location of the preferred alternative through Cokeville is to "Minimize wetland impacts through a better crossing of US 30 and the Bear River near Cokeville". This wetland impact reduction is achieved by putting six or seven 160' tall structures right in the middle of a WRP easement held by the NRCS and within feet of Cokeville city limits and over the top of two residences.

Our only feedback from the meeting with Mr. Graff was that we had indeed met and that it was indeed too late to address our concerns because we were so close to the final EIS publication. After spending two years battling it out on alternative 4F and now faced with publication of the final EIS, it was simply too late to discuss the ramifications of the newly advertised location of the new preferred alternative. At the most recent public open houses in May of this year, it was clear that our meeting with Shawn Graff was insignificant and had gone nowhere. The representatives there were hearing our concerns for the very first time now after publication of the final EIS. We were encouraged once again to "submit a comment before you leave" and received some coaching on proper comment submission.

There simply isn't a justifiable reason for placing the new line on the proposed route in the Cokeville area. There are no impacts which are being minimized by doing so, in fact the opposite is true. The new line is on the south side of the existing line until it gets west of Kemmerer and then unnecessarily jumps to the north side for reasons that can not be reasonably explained. Sage Grouse impacts, historic trail impacts and wetland impacts are no greater on the south side of the existing line than they are on the north side. The vague explanations for jumping to the north side are based on misinformation at best. Human impacts, WRP impacts and landowner impacts would be greatly minimized by staying south of the existing line and there's nothing to lose by doing so. As an added bonus, the proponents would not be facing condemnation proceedings against several Cokeville landowners if a more reasonable and sensible route south of the existing line were chosen, even though they would be dealing with several of the same landowners on both sides of the existing line. The proponents can also avoid an unnecessary, costly crossing of the existing line near Kemmerer by simply staying on the south side of the existing line. They would also likely win the support of the town of Cokeville and the Lincoln County commissioners along with those of us who call this area home and will be forced to live with the consequences of the final location of Gateway West.

We certainly hope and strongly believe that a better path can be chosen through the Cokeville area south of the existing line. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Thornock

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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.

We have owned + farmed more than 35 years in Sec 1 TIN RIW + Sec 6 + 7 in TIN RIE and for over 10 years in Section 2 + 3 in TIN RIE. The proposed powerline would go through or next to our property. We grow alfalfa seed, mint, wheat, corn, + sugar beets. We use aerial spraying. Our land has been annexed into the city of Kuna. Several times a year I drive to Swan Falls and may only see a couple of birds. However, when I am combining alfalfa seed in Aug. + Sept. there are as many as 50-60 birds of prey around.

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All through the year there are birds of prey to see over the developed land around us.

The map shows the proposed line crossing the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 2 TIN RIE. The best route would be to stay on the section line,

Lavar Thornton

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From: info@gatewaywesteis.com
To: [Gateway BLM](#)
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Date: Monday, June 24, 2013 5:52:20 PM

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I am in opposition to the proposed Gateway west transmission lines running across the top of test hill at the base of the Albion foot hills. It would negatively affect our flying site and the view for the local residents as well. I strongly urge the BLM to find an alternate route with less impact to local residents and pilots.

From: jmclain@blm.gov on behalf of [Gateway West Trans Line, BLM WY](#)
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Date: Mon, May 6, 2013 at 6:31 PM
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To: "Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov" <gateway_west_wymail@blm.gov>

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

Thank you,

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The BLMs preferred routes are within one mile of our home, which we have worked very diligently to maintain a country atmosphere for our children, grandchildren and now, great grandchildren - to experience.

Given the energy issues that will continue to increase in the decades to come the importance of the individual land/homeowner HAS to come before the birds, training ranges and roadless areas, etc. Thank you for your honest consideration in this matter.

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Comment:

I would like to endorse Segment D for the proposed Transmission Line Project route. This route is the one that makes the most sense - it parallels an existing line and a road. It will be the least invasive to property owners and to the environment. This area depends on the farmers & ranchers, as does our country. Humans should be at least - if not more - important than critters & plants. Most of the property owners go out of their way to help the

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Name:

Opal Ward



environment -

Please let the Citizens continue to have input as you continue to work on this project - We live here - We care - This affects us and our children's future - I live here, my son & daughter-in-law live here, my grandson & his wife live here and my four great-grandchildren live here - Please consider if this was happening to you in your backyard -

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I am a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. I was raised in the Rockland Valley near the Deep Creek mountains. I am upset to learn that the proposed route for the Gateway West transmission line is near my childhood and parents' home. The proposed line will negatively impact the view of the entire west side of the Deep Creek mountains. These mountains are special to me and I do not want to see the view spoiled. If one line is put along these mountains others are more likely to follow. Thus the placement of this line will determine the future of the Deep Creek range.

It is my understanding that buried transmission lines are now being utilized in many areas. Burying the transmission lines would alleviate my fears of view destruction of the Deep Creek Range. The feasibility of buried lines must be addressed for this project. The BLM must address new technology available.

Transmission lines have already destroyed the view in many areas of the original Shoshone-Bannock homeland. This cannot be allowed to continue. Burial of the Gateway Transmission line must be seriously considered.

Sincerely,
Sandy Webster

From: jnclain@blm.gov on behalf of [Gateway West Trans Line, BLM WY](#)
To: blm@gwcomment.com
Subject: Fwd: Gateway West Project
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2013 10:28:55 AM

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From: **Ryan Weston** <surgery2day@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 28, 2013 at 9:10 AM
Subject: Gateway West Project
To: Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov

To whom it may concern,

I have been looking the proposed maps over again and have made comments in the past. I want you to know I do not approve of the proposed rout in Arbon. The "5A" alternate would be more beneficial. The proposed rout in red is literally within feet of the Arbon Elementary School and NOT acceptable. There are many houses along the area also. The 5A alternate would impede hardly any houses and would not be near the elementary school.

Thank you,

Ryan Weston
Arbon, ID

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After reading the BLM Decision on the Right-of-way application, I believe the portion from Wyoming to about the Cedar Hill area could be granted, but the rest should be put on hold for a bit longer until the cooperating agencies and private citizens can come to a consensus on the remainder of the route.

I believe Idaho power has some good ideas on rebuilding the 130 KW line making it a 500 KW line then hanging the 130 KW line on it also, with less impact on the area. With the work that has all ready been done, this proposal shouldn't take very long compared to the long fight that lays ahead with the BLM proposal.

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Thank you William L. White

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Well, where do I leave a voicemail. Alright, your proposed route that has been changed back to the original runs very close to our little school in Arbon Valley. It also runs over the top of a power line that feeds a pump where we pump water to irrigate. It also goes over the top of electric fences and it feeds power into these fences and also into that smaller power line. It's a very very dangerous situation. Have I left a message or not? Nelda Williams Arbon, Idaho, 208-335-2295.

I don't know if my message got through on # or not, there was no voice that said it did. But this is Nelda Williams, Arbon, Idaho I'm going to repeat my message. You are within a very few feet of our little school here in Arbon Valley. You are over the top of a smaller powerline that feeds an electric pump to irrigate. You are over the top of an electric fence and this high-powered line feeds power into those lines believe it or not and it will put a lot more power into that electric fence and we have killed colts. I don't know if you got this message or not but I hope by repeating it, you've got it. Nelda Williams, Arbon, Idaho 208-335-2295.

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IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO US THAT NO CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE IF THE PREFERRED ROUTES ARE USED. THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ARE DISRUPTION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS, LIMITATIONS ON CITIES FOR EXPANSION, LOSS OF SCENIC VIEWS. THERE SHOULD BE INVERSE CONDEMNATION CLAIMS FOR MITIGATE THE LOSS OF LAND VALUES IF THE PROPOSED ROUTES ARE USED.

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Date: Monday, January 28, 2013 11:16:12 AM

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Date: Sun, Jan 27, 2013 at 3:57 PM
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To: David H Murphy <dmurphy@blm.gov>, Jeffery L Foss <jfoss@blm.gov>
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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*

Two new federal statutes amend numerous environmental laws and affect the implementation of several others. President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 on August 8, 2005 and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A

Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) on August 10, 2005. This Special Alert summarizes the environmental provisions of these enactments.

The two laws are so massive – the energy bill is 1,724 pages, and the transportation bill is 1,077 pages – that this is only a very abbreviated and preliminary summary of how they affect Environmental laws. It does not deal with the substantive environmental impacts of the new enactments. Between them, the two laws have many provisions to hasten the environmental approval processes for major projects, while changing few of the substantive underlying rules. The techniques introduced here, if effective, may well make their way into other federal and state laws.

I. THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 is the most important energy law since the Federal Power

Act of 1935 and the Natural Gas Act of 1938. Years in the making, its effects will be felt for decades.

B. Utility Corridors

Utility crossings over federal lands receive special attention. Under Section 368, the

Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy and Interior, in consultation with FERC, states, Indian tribes, local governments, utilities, and others, are directed to designate corridors for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission and distribution facilities on federal land, and to perform any environmental reviews that may be required to complete the designation. The statute requires that the designation be done within two years in the 11 contiguous Western states, and within four years in the rest of the country. 4 As a related matter, Section 372 requires DOE, in consultation with the Departments of Interior, Agriculture and Defense, to enter into a memorandum of understanding to coordinate all applicable federal authorizations and environmental reviews related to energy transmission lines and electricity generation and distribution facilities.

Comment: I am aware that there have been challenges to the law and that some have failed and some succeeded.

Thank you both for your consideration.

Craig Moore
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Subject: Segment 9D
To: Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov

Greetings:

I am Diana Wilson and I live in Oreana, Idaho. I want the line that impacts our area, which I believe is identified as Segment 9E to be routed through the Birds of Prey area where there is already an existing 138kV line. There apparently is a proposed option of siting the line through private property located in our area. This suggestion is preposterous with the existing line already in place through the Birds of Prey area. Idaho is about 80% federal and state owned lands. Why would the government even suggest impacting privately owned property?

My e-mail address is dwilson@wildblue.net. Please add this to your list for contacting as to this project.

Thank you,
Diana Wilson

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Recreation is a huge, huge reason why many of us live and love Utah. It's also a multi-billion-dollar business. You're wrong to take away a prime paragliding site for power lines. You've got other options, paraglider pilots do not. Please consider another option for your power lines. Make it a win-win for everybody.



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Dear Mr. George,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FEIS of the Gateway West Transmission Line.

I strongly remain objected to the BLM preference route 8B, but favor instead, Segment 8 and 9D.

In April of 2009, I addressed a letter to you stating my objections and concerns surrounding the Gateway West Transmission Line as proposed by the BLM. Four years later in 2013, my concerns remain the same.

My biggest and major concern is that the proposed route will go in a straight line across all of my property south of Kuna. The total number of acres that would be affected is 890.

The City of Kuna annexed property into its area of impact well before any notice of the proposed transmission line was made public. The recommendation made by the National Landscape Conversation System to implement Segment 8B did not assess the financial impact to the cities of Kuna and Melba or private property owners.

I sincerely hope a more amicable route will be chosen that will accommodate all parties.

Yours truly,

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Dear All,

I know everyone is telling you please don't build it here because...that must be difficult. Sometimes I do wonder, if it wouldn't be possible to find a compromise for everyone involved, either by rerouting or potentially putting the Lines underground. I know now you will say more expensive, but in the end who will suffer and who will pay the money - people.

I heard that the power lines are being put on top of test hill. I am strongly opposing this. The hanggliding and paragliding community will lose an important site, there are only a few sites and they are disappearing as projects like these will succeed. I ask you to please preserve this flying site.

We had a similar battle going on in San Diego, CA with high voltage power lines going through one of our flying sites and of course lost it. We got lucky that it didnt go directly on top of the hill, however pilots have to fly over these dangerous lines and one of these days it will come to the unfortunate and will cost a human life - is that really worth it?

Thanks for consideration!

Sincere Regards, Regina Zieglgänsberger

Final EIS Comment

Gateway West Transmission Line Project

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Thomas Zimmerman

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:

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.

BLM's preferred routes requires the greatest amount of private land. Public Lands should be used for utility corridors not private lands. BLM is skilled at environmental impact mitigation as evidenced by their surface reclamation following mining oil and gas development mitigation, pipeline and powerline impact mitigation, and extensive rehabilitation of wildfires. All of these activities have more impacts than this proposed powerline adjacent to an existing powerline. I do not feel the

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environmental impacts have been fully addressed in terms of mitigation and I do not feel the Final EIS adequately addressed social-economic impacts. It focused more on short-term impacts rather than long-term impacts and does not fully describe impacts to communities.

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