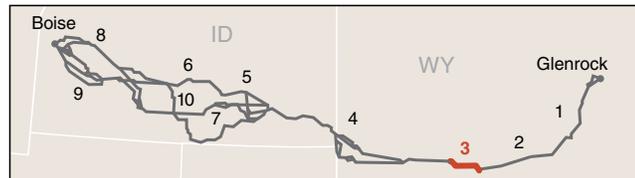


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Segments 3 and 3A Agency preferred alternatives

Proposed routes 3 and 3A

The preferred alternative combines two routes that were proposed as 3 and 3A. The route crosses Sweetwater County.

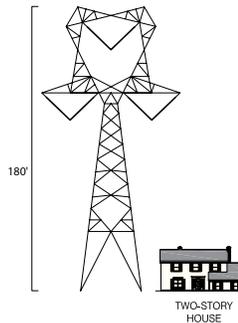


- Proposed route 3, identified by the proponents in the draft EIS, generally follows I-80 and an existing utility corridor from the Wamsutter area to the Anticline Substation. Full use of the existing utility corridor is not possible because of constraints presented by existing development associated with roads, railroads, mining, and oil and gas operations. The route also represents the State of Wyoming's preferred alternative, as documented in the final EIS.
- Proposed route 3A is a new 345 kilovolt (kV) line between the Anticline Substation and the Jim Bridger power plant. The route also represents the State of Wyoming's preferred alternative, as documented in the final EIS.

No alternative routes were considered in detail for this segment.

Additional information on all of the routes and agency preferred alternatives can be found in Chapter 2 of the final EIS.

Proposed tower design



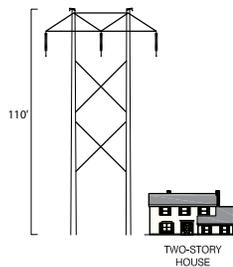
Type: 500 kV single circuit steel lattice tower structures

Height: 145 to 180 feet

Minimum ground clearance: 35 feet

Average span: 1,200 – 1,300 feet

Right-of-way: 250 feet



Type: 345 kV single circuit steel H-frame structures

Height: 80 to 110 feet

Minimum ground clearance: 30 feet

Average span: 800 feet

Right-of-way: 150 feet

Note: The exact quantity, distance, and placement of structures will depend on the final detailed design, which is influenced by terrain, land use, environmental constraints, and economics.

Background

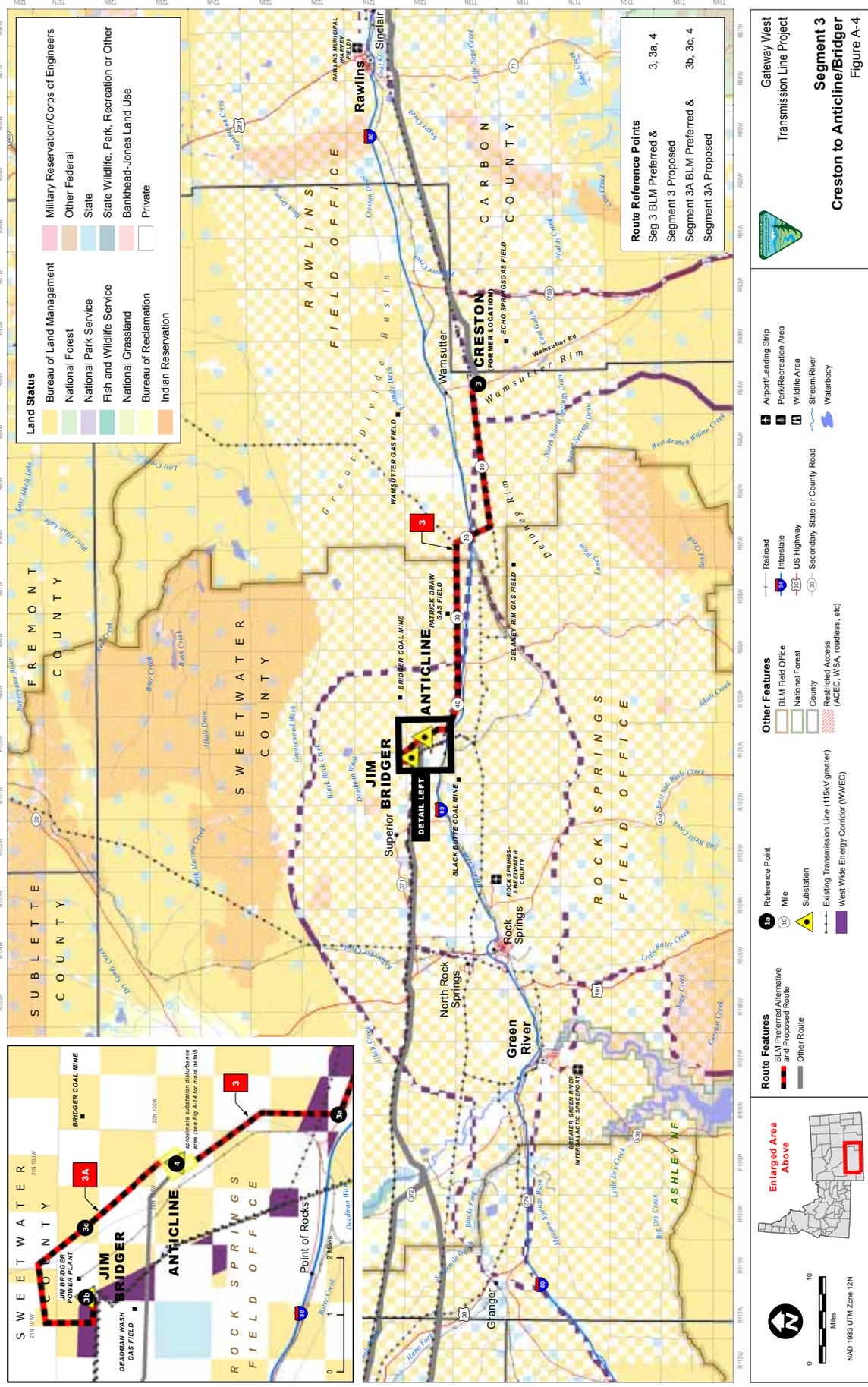
In August 2012, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) identified agency preferred alternatives following consideration of comments submitted on the draft EIS, changes to the project made in February 2012 by the project proponents and in coordination with state, local and federal governments and agencies.

Please note that agency preferred alternatives apply only to federally-managed land.





Segments 3 and 3A: Creston to Anticline/Bridger Substations



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Figure A-4