



Boardman to Hemingway Project Advisory Team

Central Project Advisory Team
Meeting 2



Agenda

- Meeting objectives
 - Discuss the role of each agency involved with the Boardman to Hemingway Project
 - Refine community criteria
 - Discuss regulatory and engineering criteria



Agenda

- 4:00 pm Welcome and Introductions
- 4:15 pm Panel Discussion
- 6:15 pm Community Criteria
 - » Dinner will be served during the Community Criteria discussion
- 7:00 pm Panel Questions and Answers
- 8:45 pm Next Steps
- 9:00 pm Adjourn

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Panel Discussion



Panelists

(In order of presentation)

- Idaho Power
 - Eric Hackett
 - Stacey Baczkowski
- Bureau of Land Management
 - Lucas Lucero
- U.S. Forest Service
 - Kurt Wiedenmann
- Oregon Department of Energy
 - Adam Bless
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
 - Nick Myatt

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Community Criteria



Concerns

- Negative impacts to Baker County
 - *Economic* – Baker County has built an economy based on tourism revenue from the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and scenic beauty of the area. These areas need to be protected
 - *Agriculture* – Agriculture is a major source of revenue for the area. Valuable farmland should be protected. The line could invite invasive species
 - *Future lines* – This line could widen the corridor and open the door for future lines and wind farms to be built
- Negative impacts to scenic beauty and wildlife
 - The view shed from the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center should remain unobstructed. Scenic areas should be taken into consideration when siting the line
 - Sage grouse would be affected
- Idaho Power credibility
 - The community feels that Idaho Power has not provided enough accurate information
 - Feeling of uncertainty in the community of how Baker County will directly benefit from this line

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Suggestions

- Take view sheds into consideration
- Avoid building the line anywhere near the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
- Avoid Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) land, private land and irrigated land
- Use existing energy corridors
- Avoid water resources and wetlands
- Site the line on public and federal land

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Public Meetings



Central Advisory Area

- **Baker City – August 12**
Baker Community Event Center
2600 East Street
Baker City, OR 97814
- **La Grande – August 13**
Blue Mountain Conference Center
404 Twelfth Street
La Grande, OR 97850

Additional Information

- www.boardmantohemingway.com
 - Project information
 - Links to BLM, Oregon Department of Energy, Idaho Power
 - Comment forms