


B2H Proposed Route

- Disadvantages of the Eastern Route include:
 - Adds 24 more miles than the Western Route and 15 more miles than the Central Route. Additional miles may or may not affect the overall ability to permit the route; this is more dependent upon the type of resource impacted and the length of the impact
 - More private land crossed than other two alternatives
 - Within the view shed of the back side of the National Historic Oregon trail Interpretive Center

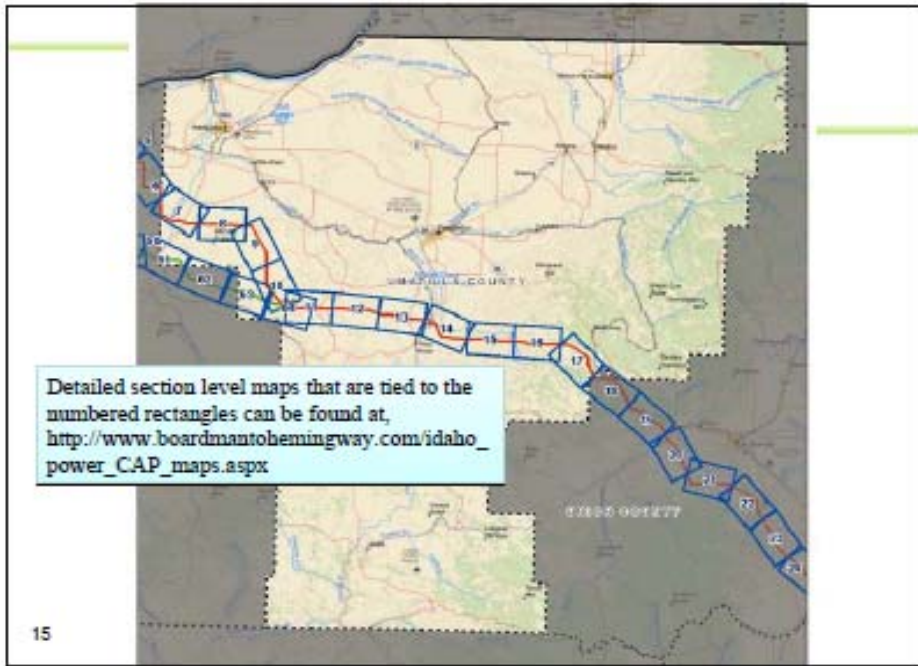
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B2H Proposed Route

- Issues that could cause route changes:
 - New sage grouse leks discovered during aerial survey
 - New buildings or housing developments
 - Expansion of city areas of impact
 - Change in the regulatory status of plant and wildlife species
 - New Washington ground squirrel habitat discovered during survey
 - Change in BLM Resource Management Plans, Forest Service Land Management Plans, or county or municipal requirements
 - Discovery of cultural resources not previously identified

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NEPA/EFSC Processes



SF-299 and EFSC NOI

- Idaho Power will be submitting a revised SF299 to re-start the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process
 - SF299 is the standard government form titled “*Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands*”
 - BLM requires that Idaho Power indicate one *proposed* line route in the application. Alternative routes are also allowed.
- A Notice of Intent will be filed with the Oregon Department of Energy, Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC)
 - The EFSC NOI will be submitted after we submit the revised SF-299 but before the NEPA scoping meeting


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NEPA/EFSC Timeline

- Idaho Power has completed the following steps following selection of the Eastern Route as the Proposed Route
 - Submit draft SF-299 and Plan of Development (POD) to the BLM and Forest Service – April 9, 2010
 - Review draft SF-299 and POD with BLM and Forest Service – April 15, 2010


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NEPA/EFSC Timeline

- The BLM and Forest Service are continuing their review of the draft SF-299 and POD. Once Idaho Power receives their comments, we anticipate the following:
 - Submit SF-299 and POD to the BLM and Forest Service – Spring 2010
 - BLM publishes Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to start the 60-day scoping period – Summer 2010
 - Idaho Power submits Notice of Intent (NOI) to EFSC – Spring 2010
 - Public scoping meetings will be held jointly with BLM and EFSC at multiple locations – Summer 2010


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NEPA Process

- The NEPA process is broken into 4 major steps,
 - Notice of Intent (NOI)
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (dEIS)
 - Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - Record of Decision
- Notice of Intent/Scoping
 - BLM issues public notice that it is preparing an EIS
 - Publication of NOI in the Federal Register initiates a minimum 30-day public scoping/comment period
 - Idaho Power expects scoping period to be 60 days


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NEPA Process

- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement**
 - BLM develops alternatives to address the issues and concerns identified during scoping
 - BLM issues the draft EIS which documents the social and environmental effects analysis of the proposed action and alternatives
 - BLM provides a minimum 60-day public review and comment period on the draft EIS
 - BLM will hold public meetings during this stage.


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NEPA Process

- **Final Environmental Impact Statement**
 - BLM releases the final EIS, which includes the agency's response to comments on the draft EIS
 - Final EIS identifies the agency's preferred alternative
 - BLM provides a minimum 30-day availability period
- **Record of Decision**
 - BLM decides on whether or not to approve the requested action


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EFSC Process

- The EFSC process is broken into 7 major steps,
 - Notice of Intent
 - Project Order
 - Application for Site Certificate
 - Draft Proposed Order
 - Proposed Order
 - Contested Case Hearing
 - Final Order

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EFSC Process

- Notice of Intent
 - The NOI initiates public comment period on the proposal and allows agencies and affected local governments to identify applicable requirements and special issues of concern
 - ODOE will hold public information meetings during this phase
 - The NOI is not an application to construct the facility – it merely states the applicant's intention to submit an application in the future
- Project Order
 - ODOE issues the Project Order which identifies applicable statutes, rules and ordinances and defines the impact analysis areas


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EFSC Process

- Application for Site Certificate
 - Idaho Power submits its application which describes the facility, its anticipated impacts and how it will meet EFSC's standards. Idaho Power must indicate the final proposed corridor, but has the option to request a site certificate that includes more than one corridor
 - Idaho Power must comply with all local land use requirements and indicate which land use permitting route they will take, either the local jurisdictional land use approval process, or the EFSC land use permitting process, where EFSC acts in place of the local jurisdictions and makes the decision on compliance with local land use requirements

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EFSC Process

- Draft Proposed Order
 - ODOE requests comments from the public and from other state and local agencies, and will issue a Draft Proposed Order recommending approval or denial of the application
 - ODOE holds public hearings on the Draft Proposed Order
 - Anyone can raise issues or objections to the Draft Proposed Order in writing or at the public hearings. *Failure to comment in person or in writing on the record of this hearing precludes participation in the subsequent contested case and the right to appeal EFSC's final decision*
 - Since the EFSC process also serves as the land use process, the public hearings also serve as the land use hearings for this project


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EFSC Process

- Proposed Order
 - ODOE issues the Proposed Order based on comments from EFSC, the public and other government agencies
- Contested Case Hearing
 - The contested case hearing is a formal hearing and only those persons who commented on the Draft Proposed Order may participate in the contested case
- Final Order
 - EFSC decides whether it will issue the site certificate

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Next Steps



Next Steps in Process

- Idaho Power plans to submit SF299 to re-start the NEPA process after BLM has reviewed the Plan of Development
- After the BLM Notice of Intent is published in the Federal Register, A Notice of Intent will be filed with the Oregon Department of Energy, Energy Facility Siting Council
 - Note, the BLM NOI and EFSC NOI are different documents with different meanings
- Idaho Power will continue working with the community members throughout the project. We will send out periodic communications to Community Advisory Process members concerning the status of both the NEPA and EFSC processes

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Additional Information

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



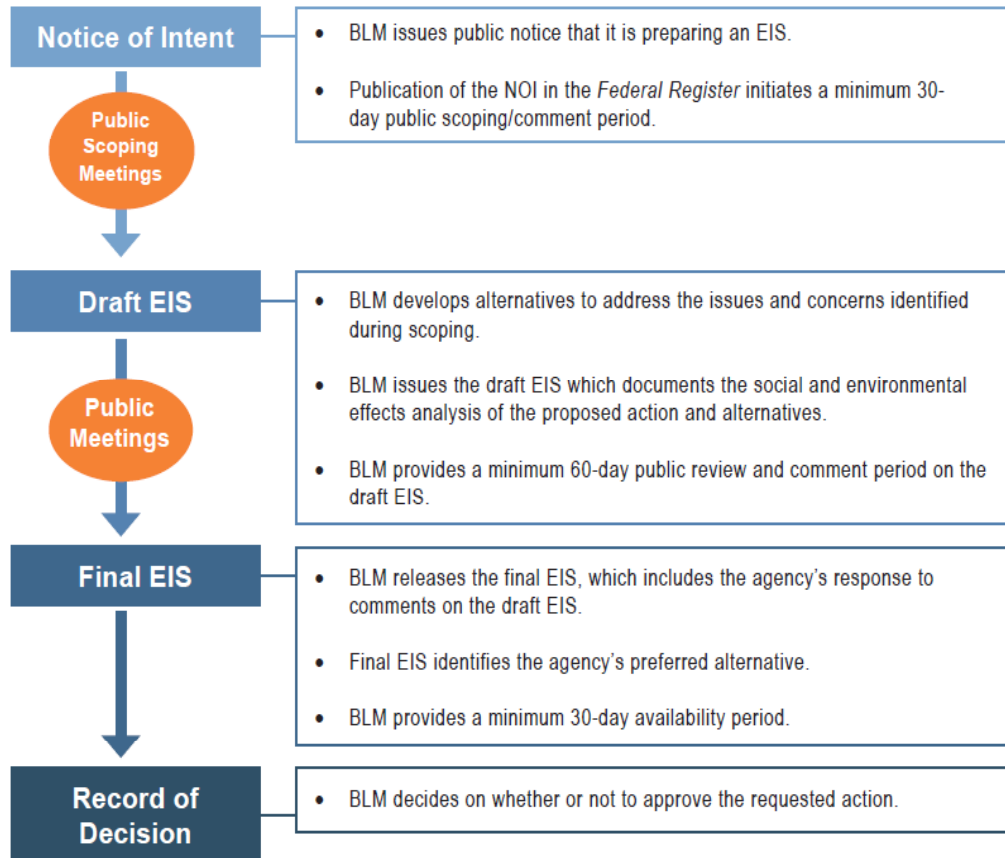
NEPA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies to undertake an assessment of the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions. Two major purposes of the NEPA environmental review process are:

1. Citizen involvement
2. Better informed decisions

The NEPA process began on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project when Idaho Power submitted a proposal for a right-of-way from the BLM to construct a 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line across portions of federally-managed public lands. The BLM has issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on this project.

The following flowchart shows the key points within the NEPA process. For more information, check out *A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA* at http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/Citizens_Guide_Dec07.pdf.



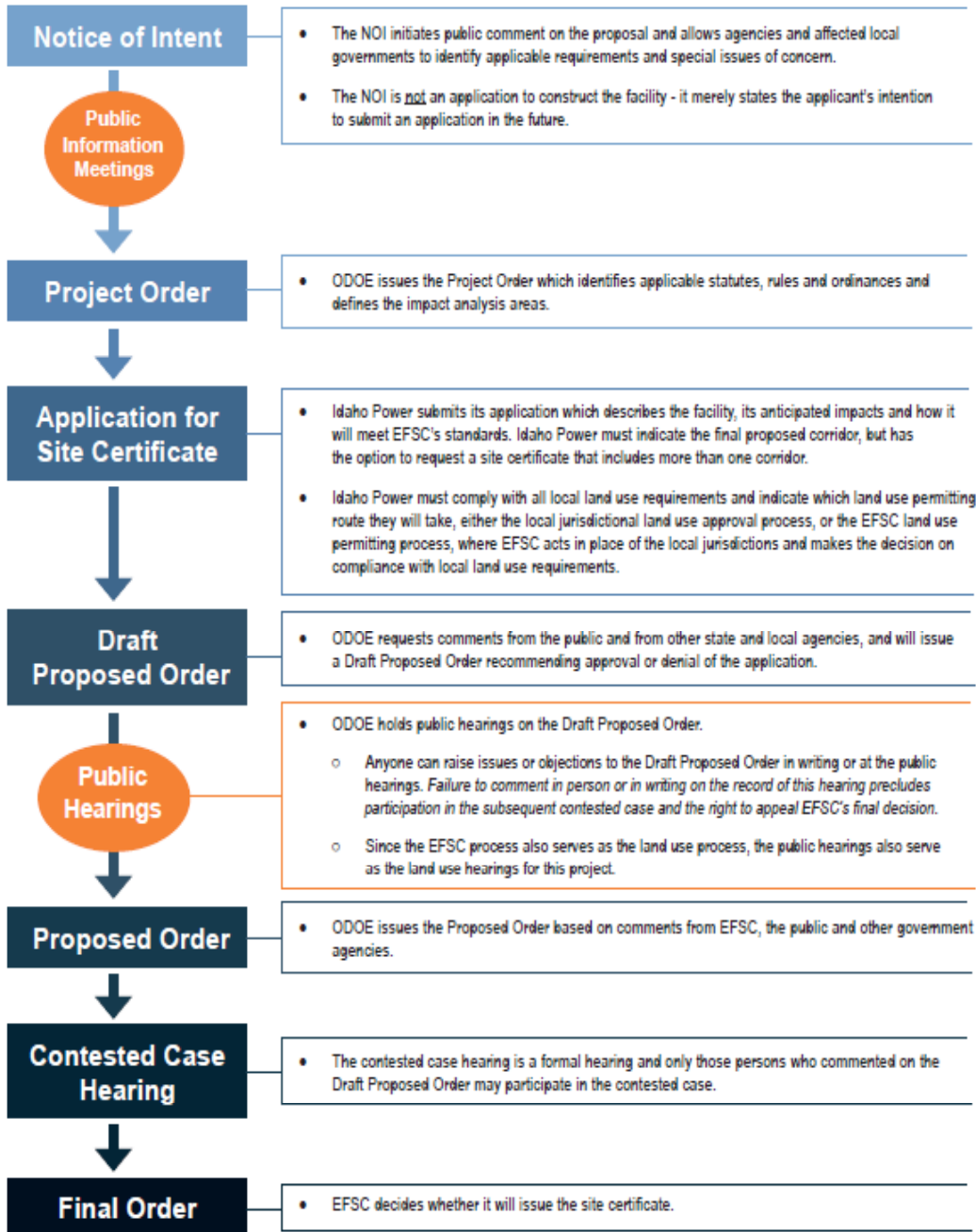
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EFSC Process

The Oregon Department of Energy-Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) Site Certificate process is a consolidated permitting process that includes regulations of Oregon state and local agencies. You can participate in the process by:

1. Attending a public information meeting about the Notice of Intent.
2. Submitting comments about Idaho Power's application.
3. Attending the public hearing on the Proposed Draft Order.

ODOE provides public notices following each step of the EFSC process. The diagram below outlines the process.



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Community Advisory Process Evaluation
Boardman to Hemingway Project
Grant County Project Advisory Team Meeting #5
May 6, 2010

Name: _____

1) What ways would you like Idaho Power to continue to involve you in the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project?

2) Do you have any questions about the upcoming federal and state processes?

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Appendix 3: Team Input

**Proposed Route Comment Form Responses
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project
Grant County Advisory Team Meeting #5
May 6, 2010 Mt. Vernon, Oregon**

# of comment sheet	Name	Do you have any comments or questions about the proposed route?	Other comments.
1	Ken Holliday	<p>You had better develop a broad strategy for mitigation. I think we would all be surprised with the mitigation compromises and flexibility opportunities that could be negotiated with TNC, ODFW, etc. I would also like to say, "Join the ESA gridlock club" as a landowner and businessman on the damned, undamned, John Day system.</p> <p>You also dodged a huge problem with cultural resources and SHPO in Oregon. My land is completely loaded with artifacts. It has cost us many projects through the years. (any with matching funds anyway).</p>	
2	Lonnie Lawrence	<p>*Letter received:</p> <p>Dear Mr. McCarthy,</p> <p>Due to a conflict in schedules, we will not be able to attend the Idaho Power meeting in MT. Vernon, OR on March 31, 2010.</p> <p>We do not have internet at our house. Would you please send information covering that meeting to us?</p> <p>I also understand there is now a map available on the internet that shows land sections along the proposed western route for the B2H power line. Could you also send us a copy of that map?</p> <p>What do you think the probability of the proposed western route really is?</p> <p>We still don't want the line coming through Grant County, & especially by way of the proposed route through the Monument vicinities.</p> <p>The line would have many adverse affects on the wildlife, fish, landscape, farm ground, scenery, radio waves for cell phones & emergency equipment, private property for right of ways & people coming & going for construction & maintenance, property values & health quality.</p> <p>The cost of the western route is so much greater than the eastern & central routes, it really makes no sense to even continue to consider using that route. Also, the fact that it crosses more streams & rivers & more forest land than the eastern or central routes should be enough to drop the western route.</p>	

# of comment sheet	Name	Do you have any comments or questions about the proposed route?	Other comments.
		<p>Why does it not seem important to Idaho Power how devastating this power line through Grant County will be to small landowners? We, for one, have a small farm that we have worked hard for over 30 years to pay for & improve. Idaho Power has not shown any concern for how it will affect us.</p> <p>Right now our property is in direct line for the western route line. Since our property lays in a backwards "Z", it's hardly possible to follow property lines as you have suggested. How do you think we feel? The frustration, sadness, confusion, hurt, & helplessness because no one will give us honest, straight answers & facts.</p> <p>I've sent a copy of the enclosed letter before, buyt ask that you review it, & consider not putting any 500Kv line through Grant County.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lonnie Lawrence</p>	
3	Lonnie Lawrence	<p>*Enclosed letter: To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As landowners near Monument, Grant County, Oregon we oppose the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line going through our vicinity and Grant County for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed transmission line goes through private property and very close to established homes. 2. The large right-a-ways required for the transmission line, and the roads for maintenance of the lines, takes a large portion of smaller landowners property. 3. The amount of funds being offered for the right-a-ways does not offset the loss of landscape beauty, the inconvenience of he towers and lines, having to listen to the sounds emitted from the lines, having people coming and going, even after the lines are completed, and disrupting everyday lifestyle. 4. The proposed route in our area goes through prime wildlife areas and fish habitat. 5. The proposed route crosses and follows Wall Creek, a main tributary to the North Fork John Day River. 6. North Fork John Day River is considered a natural scenic waterway. It can't be scenic and natural if huge metal towers and lines are along the banks and crossing over the river. 7. The transmission towers will lower the value of our land at a time our 	

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		<p>county is already suffering economically.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. It can't be feasible for Idaho Power, or landowners, to build such a transmission line of that capacity in the rugged landscape found in our area. 9. Landowners affected by these proposed routes have not been personally contacted by Idaho Power to explain how the transmission lines would affect them, their livestock, and crops. 10. The possibility of health side affects to those living near the lines. 11. Interference with cell phone and 2 way radio reception in an area that already has limited reception, thus jeopardizing emergency equipment and crews. 12. Airplane access for firefighting purposes would be limited in areas that cannot be accessed any other way. <p>We believe these are all sound reasons and ask you to consider them and not put the Boardman to Hemingway transmission lines through our area, Grant County.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	
4	Keith Valachi	<p>*Letter received:</p> <p>Dear Mr. McCarthy,</p> <p>I am a landowner in Grant County and join the voices of many other residents to object to the proposed B2H "Western Route" Power Line.</p> <p>Upon being informed of your company's plans to transmit energy from Boardman to eastern Idaho, I was able to peruse the public documents that show your preferred options for the new lines that would be necessary for that transmission. First, it is not at all clear to me that this is a sound or necessary project based on Idaho Power's statements regarding regional need for increased residential and commercial energy. It does not make sense to me that IP is considering such disruptive (to local landowners, the environment, and our spectacular viewshed in eastern Oregon) plan considering there is a new plant (Mountain Home) currently under construction and ample other opportunities for local conservation and generation, and understand these are issues that will be discussed at upcoming regulatory meetings.</p> <p>I particular question the reasoning behind consideration of an entirely new utility</p>	

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		<p>corridor that would be constructed if the Western Route is chosen. The facts presented by IP indicate this route would follow fewer miles of existing corridor than either the eastern or central routes, it would cross a whopping 46 special status streams, create 45 miles of new corridor with the public Malheur and Umatilla forests, and cross through approx. 137 miles of private land. IP admits much of the corridor would need to be constructed through “high construction difficulty areas” and that each mile of line could also require 2-3 miles of new road access. This of course scars the land, fragments wildlife habitat, and helps spread invasive weeds, something with which Grant County needs no additional help! Many of our neighbors would have transmission towers plopped onto their land and see a dramatic drop in property values as an unwelcome side benefit to this ill-conceived plan. And then, Idaho would get all this cheap power at our great expense while only approx. 20 miles of new corridor would be constructed across the border. Unbelievable! It is any wonder that so many Grant Co. residents feel taken advantage of by your proposed actions? This is especially the case considering comments I have heard that your representative to Grant Co. has made. I expect there will be more opposition to your plans based on these considerations than IP may have imagined. Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>Sincerely, Keith Valachi</p>	

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1	Ace & BA Robbins	Continue to mail notices as you indicated you would at the May 6 th mtg. Please check the zip code 97864	No the presentation given gave us what we wanted to know.	
2	Kathryn Friedrich	At every step of this process please keep me informed of all dates comments can be submitted- Email: n4980t@ortelco.net Mail: Kathryn Friedrich P.O. Box 493 John Day, OR 97845		
3	Steve & Carolyn Mullin	I'm not sure you have our e-mail address, which is bmangus@ortelco.net Our address is: 64444 Indian Crk Rd. Prairie City, OR 97869 Please keep us informed on comment dates.		
4	Ken Holliday	Just through e-mail.	No questions – except in my experience your timeframe is too optimistic. I really encourage Idaho Power to aggressively pursue option easements to get you leverage and to counter the possible conflict in process with the BLM/Tetra-tec.	I appreciate your CAP effort. And I really am proud of Grant County's responses and beer sales.