

## **Appendix 4: Team Input**

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To: McCarthy, Kent  
Subject: RE: B2H Transmission Line Routing Comments

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2010 12:41 PM  
**To:** McCarthy, Kent  
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**Subject:** B2H Transmission Line Routing Comments

Kent,

The following summarizes my comments and suggestions of the proposed routing alternatives for the B2H Transmission Line project. I appreciate Idaho Power's thoroughness of engagement using the Community Advisory Process and the consideration and analysis of the various routing alternatives suggested by this process over the course of most of the last year.

**Most Favored Routing Alternative:**

In consideration of the Land Use Characteristics, Resources, and Important Issues analyzed and factored into route selection I believe the Eastern Route is clearly the most favorable alternative. Compelling factors favoring the Eastern Route include:

1. Following of Existing Corridors
2. Reduced Impact to Forested Resources
3. Crossing of National Forest Lands via an Existing Designated Utility Corridor
4. Minimized New Access Road Requirements
5. Accessibility to Populated Areas for Construction Labor, Materials, and Transportation Logistics
6. Reduced "High Construction Difficulty" Factors
7. Greater Versatility of Entry Routing into the Boardman Site

**Comparison to Other Routing Alternatives:**

Compared to the Eastern Route both the Central and Western Route alternatives are significantly less favorable in terms of their ability to mitigate the 7 factors identified above that favor the Eastern Route.

Comparing the Central Route to the Western Route alternatives, the Central Route appears to be the more favorable, but significantly less favorable than the recommended Eastern Route.

**Recommendation:**

My recommendation is that Idaho Power file Notice of Intent with the Oregon Department of Energy, Energy Facility Siting Council for only the Eastern Route alternative.

Regards,