

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project Community Advisory Process

Routing Criteria Development Support Materials

Idaho Power Company has developed several tools that can be used in understanding environmental and regulatory framework, that are used when siting an electric transmission line and in further developing specific routing considerations for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project. The following tools are included in this package and are described below.

Routing Consideration Terms, Definitions, and Preliminary List of Exclusion, Avoidance and Placement Opportunities

This document identifies and defines the routing criteria terms used in the routing criteria table and provides an initial list of areas meeting each of the criteria.

Routing Criteria Table

This table is intended to be used as a reference tool for understanding the routing considerations, based on environmental and regulatory framework, that are used when routing an electric transmission line. It is important to consider and address the locations and potential impacts of access roads and other ancillary facilities that will be required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the line. It is organized into resource categories which are commonly the analysis framework for a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and part of the substantive criteria to be evaluated by EFSC in making a decision whether or not to issue a Site Certification. Within each resource category are specific resources that are most often considered for transmission line siting. Links to additional sources of information are provided.

Regulatory Framework Table

This table lists all applicable regulations, policies, guidelines, Executive Orders, standards, acts, manuals, and plans that need to be adhered to as well as permits and approvals that need to be obtained in developing, constructing, and operating an electric transmission line.

List of Acronyms

List of Acronyms used in the transmission line routing process.