

## **Boardman to Hemingway Community Advisory Process**

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

#### **Routing Consideration Definitions**

##### **“Placement Opportunity” Criteria**

- Areas that should be considered for transmission line routes because land uses are compatible with the construction and operation of overhead transmission lines.

##### **“Avoidance” Criteria**

Areas that should be avoided because of various restrictions. These areas should be avoided unless there is no reasonable alternative that avoids the area. Mitigation or resource plan amendment would be required for placement within these areas, and in some cases an amendment of an applicable land use plan would be required.

##### **“Exclusion” Criteria**

- Areas where a transmission line is precluded by statute or regulation (federal, state, local).

In developing the exclusion, avoidance, and placement opportunity areas, the following premises were used.

- (a) Categorization of areas as “avoidance” does not represent a binding preclusion from development of a transmission line in this area.
- (b) The categorization will represent the current understanding of these lands as of this point in time, while recognizing that future changes in policy, law, and/or knowledge could change the categorization.

The preliminary list of each of the areas identified as exclusion, avoidance, or placement opportunities are provided below. These definitions and following list of areas are intended to be used in conjunction with the detailed Routing Criteria Table.

### **List of Placement Opportunities**

- Designated Utility Corridors including WWE Corridors and other USFS and BLM corridors
- Existing transmission line ROWs
- Large capacity pipelines
- Rail lines
- Roads and highways
- Areas with zoning designation which have few development constraints, such as Rural Industrial

## **List of Avoidance Areas**

### Federal:

- BLM Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- BLM National Landscape Conservation System Units
- BLM Visual Resource Management Class II
- BLM Lands with Mineral Claims and Leases
- BLM RMP designated lands which have development constraints, such as:
  - Seasonal restriction areas
  - ROW avoidance areas
  - Recreation Areas
  - Special Management Areas
  - Special Recreation Management Areas
  - OHV open Areas and areas closed to OHV's
  - No Surface Occupancy (NSO) Restriction areas
  - Research Natural Areas
  - Wildlife Management Areas (and Sikes Act tracts)
  - Lands inventoried by BLM and found to have wilderness characteristics
  - BLM lands managed for wilderness characteristics
  - USFS Inventoried Roadless Areas
- USFS Old Growth Forest
- USFS Forest Plan designated lands which have development constraints, such as:
  - Partial Retention Areas
  - Recreation Areas
- Oregon Trail Visitor's Center (managed by the BLM)
- Floodplains
- TES Wildlife Habitat
- Wetlands
- Historic Properties Listed on or Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places
- Historic Trails
- NRCS Prime Farmland

### State:

- ODFW Habitat Category 2 Areas
- State Parks (ID)
- Existing Conservation and Mitigation Banks
- Big Game Winter Range
- General Wildlife Habitat
- Areas with zoning designation which have development constraints, such as:
  - Exclusive Farm Use (However, treated as exclusion if reasonable alternatives exist)
  - Urban Growth Boundary
  - Rural Residential
  - Rural Service Center
  - Rural Commercial
  - Natural Resource
  - Indian Reservation
- Surface Water
- Highly Erodible Soils, Sensitive Soil Types In Farm Zones
- Landslide Deposit Areas And Areas With Seismic Activity

## **List of Avoidance Areas (continued)**

Other/Private:

- Residences (300 foot buffer)
- Irrigated Agriculture
- Contained animal feeding operations (CAFOs), Dairies and Feedlots
- Aerial Spraying Activity Areas
- Slopes Greater Than 15%

## **List of Exclusion Areas**

### Federal:

- BLM ACECs, RNAs or ONAs
- BLM National Landscape Conservation System Units
- BLM Wilderness Study Areas
- BLM, NPS, USFS and USFWS Designated Wilderness Areas
- BLM VRM Class I Areas
- BLM or USFS Wild or Scenic Rivers and those waterways and rivers listed as potentials for designation
- National Parks
- National Monuments
- National Coordination Areas
- USFS Designated Primitive Areas
- USFS Inventoried Roadless Areas
- USFS Preservation Areas
- USFS Retention Areas
- USFS primitive and semi-primitive Recreation Opportunity Spectrum areas
- USFS Management Areas with Road Prohibitions
- National Recreation Areas
- National and State Wildlife Refuges
- National and State (OR) Fish Hatcheries
- FAA Controlled Airspace
- Military Operations Areas

### State:

- ODFW Habitat Category I
- ODFW Major Wildlife Areas
- State Wildlife Areas and Management Areas
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- State Parks
- State-held conservation easements where policy precludes development
- ID State Wildlife Management Areas and lands
- Lands acquired through federal funds for conservation purposes (Land and Water Conservation Fund Section 6 grants)
- Greater Sage-grouse and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse leks (2-mile buffer)
- State Natural Heritage Areas Listed on the Oregon Register of Natural Heritage Areas
- Scenic Waterways (OR)
- Experimental Areas Established by the Rangeland Resource Program (OR)
- Agriculture Experimental Stations (OR)
- Research Forests (OR)

### Other/Private:

- Boardman Conservation Area