

## Project Advisory Team Meeting September 2009 Mapping Session

Thank you for your continued involvement in the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line siting process. The Project Advisory Team meeting in September 2009 will be the first mapping session in the process of identifying potential routes for the proposed transmission line. From May 2009 to August 2009, the project advisory teams have:

- Reviewed and discussed the purpose and need for the project.
- Documented the criteria that will be important to your community when identifying potential routes.
- Reviewed and discussed regulatory and engineering criteria that must be considered when identifying potential routes.

Seven public meetings were held in August 2009 to share information about the project with local residents and to gather input on the community, regulatory and engineering criteria. Input from these public meetings will be presented to the project advisory teams at the mapping session.

The session will begin with an evening meeting and end with a drop-in mapping workshop the next day. This document and the attached meeting agendas give an overview of both days.

### Evening Meeting Overview

The evening meeting will take place from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. the night before the mapping workshop. The meeting will prepare team members for the workshops by presenting comments from the August 2009 public meetings and reviewing the community, regulatory and engineering criteria.

Idaho Power will provide a detailed explanation of the mapping workshop and the data that are available. A question-and-answer session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

### Mapping Workshop Overview

The all-day mapping workshop will be divided into three sessions to make the best use of attendees' time. PAT members will be asked to sign up for a time in advance: 7 to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or 5 to 8 p.m.

To make the most of your session, please plan to arrive on time. Group work is encouraged. You may stay for as long or as short a time as you wish, and additional time slots may be scheduled if needed.

## *Mapping Workshop Overview, continued*

Two identical mapping stations will be at the workshop. Each station will include:

- **A map of the specific project area.** The map will include general constraints. The general constraints include areas of exclusion and areas of concern that have been identified by Project Advisory Teams during the Community Advisory Process.
- **Large reference maps** showing:
  - Cultural and visual resources
  - Land use
  - Physical and natural resources
  - Fish and wildlife resources
  - Exclusion areas
  - Topography
- **Geographic Information System (GIS)** stations with a computerized database of opportunities and constraints.
- **Community criteria** that each project advisory team has identified as important to their area.
- **Mapping reminders and instructions.**

Team members may choose to lay out routes on the paper maps or work with GIS operators to lay out routes at the computer stations. Idaho Power staff, as well as technical experts from other organizations will be available to answer questions. County planners also have been invited to attend. Idaho Power staff will simply be there to assist. The analysis of the routes will be done in the weeks following the workshop.

## **Documentation**

Idaho Power will keep a detailed record of all routes. Team members will be asked to provide a written description and comments for the routes they identify. This documentation will help Idaho Power understand the location and reasoning behind each route.

## **The Next Step**

After the mapping session, Idaho Power will analyze each route using the regulatory, engineering and community criteria. The analysis will be presented at the next set of PAT meetings. The teams then will begin revising and eliminating routes. Additional mapping sessions may be needed as the teams and Idaho Power work toward the goal of identifying proposed and alternate routes for the transmission line.