



NEPA/EFSC Processes

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



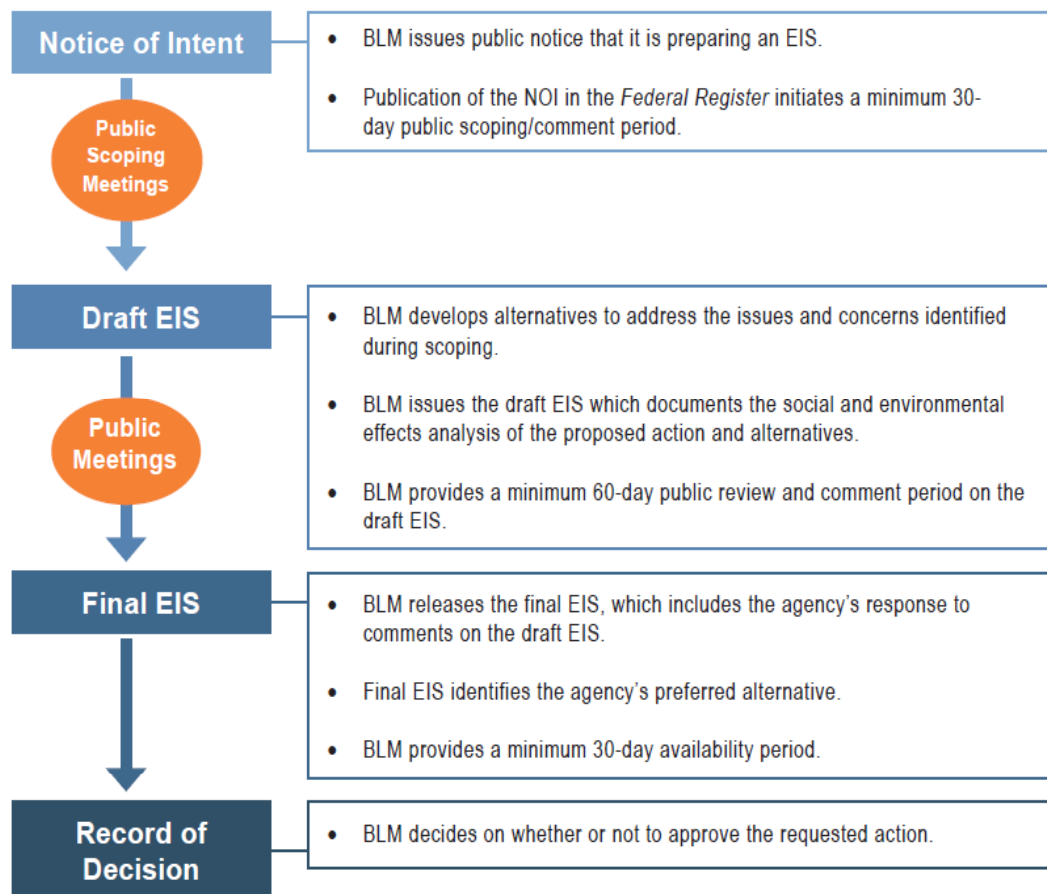
NEPA Process

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.



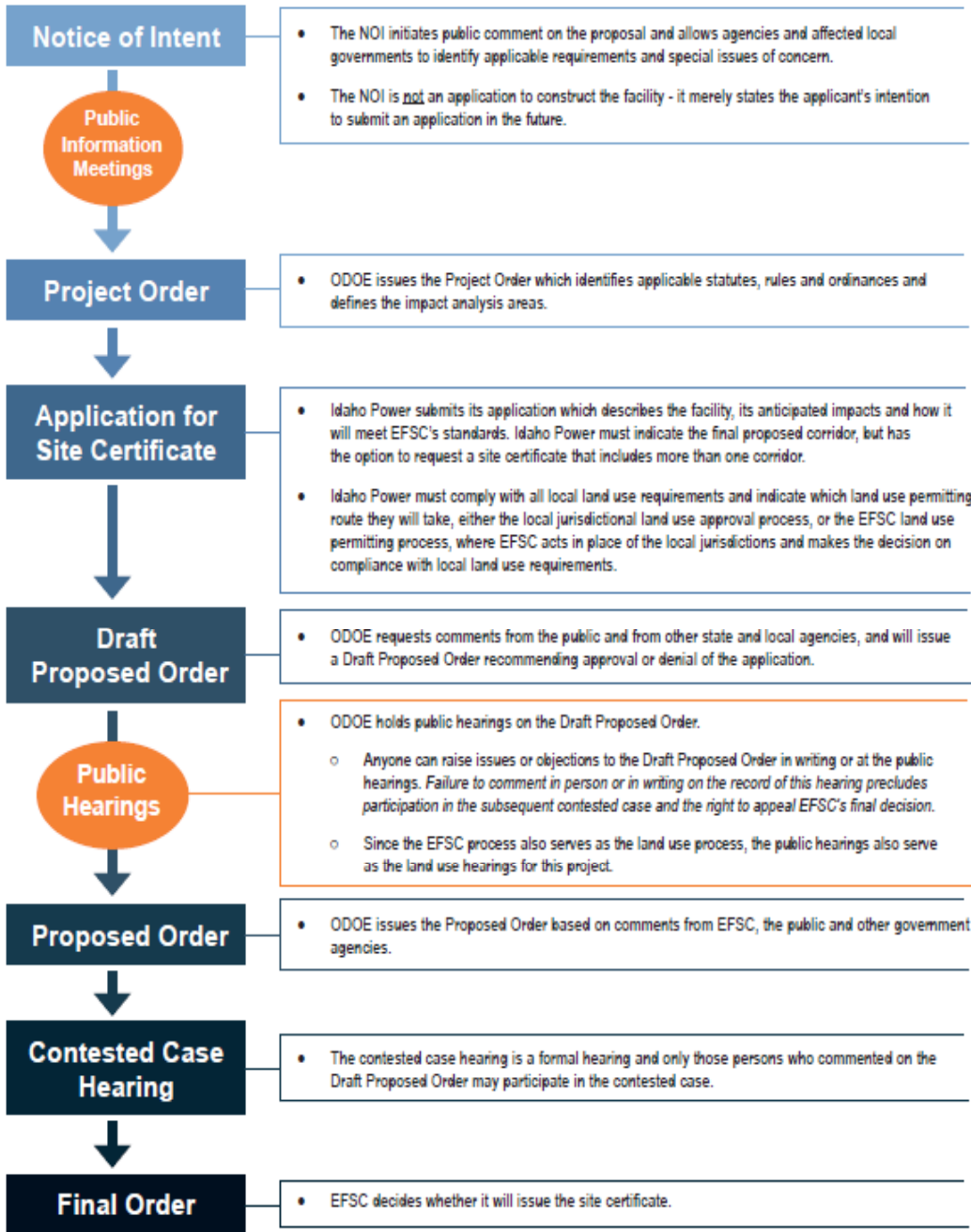
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EFSC Process

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

South Project Advisory Team Meeting #6

April 27, 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
South Project Advisory Team Meeting #6
April 27, 2010 Ontario, Oregon

# of comment sheet	Name	Do you have any comments or questions about the proposed route?	Other comments.
1	Betty Lee Clarich	I am in favor of the most recent proposed route. It appears to use the existing corridors and is least private property. KEEP IT!	
2	Shelby Hilliard	I am in favor of the current proposed route. It makes the most sense.	
3	Paul Mascuch	No – not at this time.	Thank you for allowing me to participate in this process.
4	Rick and Woneta Mendive	The current route seems to have the least impact on active farm ground and this was our main goal, we truly hope that the route in its current state is accepted during the upcoming state and federal processes.	
5	Tom Phillips	Route appears to solve the most of our (my) immediate concerns. I will look closer at the entire route and then comment if I have any further concerns.	
6	Gary Pearson	It's all in Oregon! I think that fact is going to cause you some problems with EFSC.	
7	Vikki Price	My only comment is <u>please</u> stick to this route as much as possible. We are counting on your to try hard – as hard as you would if it were <u>your</u> ground that is being impacted.	

**Community Advisory Process Evaluation Comment Form Responses
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project
South Project Advisory Team Meeting #6
April 27, 2010 Ontario, Oregon**

# of comment sheet	Name	What ways would you like Idaho Power to continue to involve you in the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project?	Do you have any questions about the upcoming federal and state processes?	In your opinion, what has worked well and not so well with Idaho Power's Community Advisory Process?
1	Betty Lee Clarich	I believe you have done a good job.		
2	Matthew Eicher	Continue to update me.	Is submitting before a decision is reached getting the cart before the horse?	Mostly good. Very well at hospitality. Excellent reminders for meeting nice binders to help organize midweek schedule is good. The only problem was "Why did it take this long to come to the route SIP proposed 2 years ago?" In short I am trying to be patient and optimistic.
3	John Hartman	What you have been doing is good.	Not yet.	Your facilitators have been excellent. The proposed route looks to be a very viable route. I am fully supportive.
4	Shelby Hilliard	I think that it is important to keep the communication lines open please keep us informed.		
5	Linda Mascuch	Please keep me on your mail list.	No.	When we first started attending meetings it seemed like the Oregon and Idaho people were pitted against each other, and that the Idaho people were not heard above the noise. I believe having a separate meeting with the Idaho people was very productive and calmed everyone down, it certainly did for me! Things seemed to move forward from there. This was a difficult, painful process I think all of you exhibited patience and perseverance.. It isn't easy to be a target.
6	Paul Mascuch	I would like to be kept up to date by e-mail about how the NEPA process and EFSC are progressing. An update after each step in the process is complete would be great. Also immediate notification if any parts of the route are changed from what has been proposed.	No. While it is confusing at times I thought it was presented and explained well.	I think listening to the people impacted by the project is a great process. While it is time consuming and at times tedious I think it is the best approach for a successful outcome for the majority of parties involved.
7	Rick & Woneta Mendive	We would appreciate being included in the continuing process as things progress, we would also like to see a more detailed map published in our local newspaper a map including detailed streets and exact areas where the B2H line will be impacting our area would be appreciated.	No.	We finally feel as if Idaho Power is really trying to listen and work with us, its been a very long process for all of us. ☺ We also appreciate the professionalism of the staff from Idaho Power that have attended our local meetings.

# of comment sheet	Name	What ways would you like Idaho Power to continue to involve you in the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project?	Do you have any questions about the upcoming federal and state processes?	In your opinion, what has worked well and not so well with Idaho Power's Community Advisory Process?
8	Bruce and Sharon Penn	Thank you Kent and Kara for doing a good job keeping us aware and encouraged to stay involved and up to speed on meetings – Keep it up.	This is a complicated process. I'm trying to grasp it – no questions for now.	
9	Tom Phillips	Continued information on federal and state processes.	No.	
10	Margie Watson	Email w/ scoping process on both processes. Great Website and I like the detail portion you just put on.	You answered all the questions I had w/ your PowerPoint. Thank you.	You were a little disjointed in the beginning and you improved greatly throughout the <u>process</u> . Thank you for the process the hard work and listening and reacting accordingly. Great job.
11	Vikki Price	Info, info, info – less confusion, less adversity from “ignorant” participants. It also makes us feel empowered. Idaho Power is often viewed as the “bully utility” – working co-operatively and honestly will do all participants good!		Rosemary Curtin was an excellent choice for facilitator. Meetings were at a good location. Papers handed out were good. Maps getting better and better – we all want details and landmarks. For the most part I think everyone disagreed in a polite manner – good meeting management made it possible to disagree without being disagreeable. Please do not betray this process – you will do irreparable harm. You were paid to come to all of these meetings – we were not.
12	Gary Pearson	Please keep me advised via e-mail of all steps taken during the NEPA & EFSC processes.	I will let you know as things develop.	For reasons that I have yet to fully understand, all Idaho routes were summarily dismissed from the CAP. No analysis involving construction, permitting, or mitigation costs were provided, discussed, or even mentioned. I am and continue to be extremely disappointed in that development. IP's conclusion that adding the Idaho routes would “risk future peak load service capability due to the expansion of the Boardman to Hemingway project scope to include the Gateway West project” does not ring true with me.