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Subject: B2H Powerline Request

Dear Kent and Rosemary,

You requested that staff from the Boise Nat'l. Forest attend a public meeting, scheduled for Nov. 30, to discuss potential routing alternatives for the Boardman-Hemingway Transmission Line Project. That project may affect three Idaho NFs (Boise, Payette and Nez Perce). You asked that Forest Service staff come prepared to discuss constraints or issues regarding potential routing alternatives. At this stage of the proposal, we do not have enough information to respond to public questions about specific route locations, issues or potential restrictions. Therefore, at this time, it would not be appropriate for the Forest Service to participate at this public meeting.

However, we can make existing FS data available to your contractor. TetraTech may wish to contact each of the potentially affected Idaho NFs to obtain GIS and other land and resource management data. By copy of this message, I am apprising my counterparts on the Payette NF (Jane Cropp - 208/634-0757) and Nez Perce NF (Don Curnutt - 208/476-8238) of that potential request. I am also advising our regional special use coordinators of Idaho Power's potential interest in alternative routes across these forests.

We appreciate the offer to participate at the meeting. Should the potential routes affecting these Idaho NFs develop into detailed alternatives warranting further consideration, staff from the affected forests will become properly engaged through the BLM project manager for the established B2H project.

Thanks----Jeff Alexander.

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