

Please don't "round file" these thoughts, as I have put considerable time and effort to develop them.

Thanks for traveling to Baker City to present your "B2H" plan.. My area of concern is that area east of Highway 84, from North Powder, where Highway 30 divides, to the area due east of Baker City. This area has been determined to be Priority Habitat. It is also some of the same area being considered for putting a high voltage power line.

I understand "Priority Habitat" designation is for breeding and brood raising. High voltage power lines are an attractant for raptors to rest while hunting. The former can occur under a power line uninhibited, the latter can be discouraged (removed) by placement of anti-bird landing devices on wires and towers in the Priority Habitat area.

I believe the power line will eventually come thru this area. By precluding its passage thru the area of my concern, it may well go along Highway 84 (like west of Boardman) or directly behind the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, east of Baker City. Either of these would seriously impact our tourist industry.

I would prefer Alternate D, with consideration to not harm the local tourist industry.(JOBS)

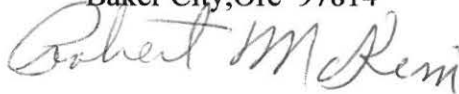
Please don't make the same error that stopped the logging industry by spotted owl preservation (see purple marmont) by choosing policy that prefers sage grouse reproduction over local tourist job..

Surely, both these activities can continue to co-exist.

Lastly, an increase in Sage Grouse population should logically follow a decrease in predator population.(fox coyote and raptors] Encourage local hunting of these predators in late fall and winter.

Thanks for your time.

Robert McKim
P.O.Box 429
Baker City, Ore 97814



R. McKIM
P.O. BOX 429
BKE, OR 97814

PORTLAND OR 970

12 JAN 2015 PM 3 L



Boardman to Hemingway
Transmission Line Project
PO Box 655
Vale, OR 97918

55559081675

