



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Open house meetings to be held for proposed transmission line through northwestern Colorado**

The Bureau of Land Management and the Western Area Power Administration are holding several public open house meetings in northwestern Colorado regarding the TransWest Express transmission line project, which is proposed to cross portions of Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.

The open-house meetings will provide the public an opportunity to review and provide initial comments on the proposal. Staff and project proponents will be available to explain project details and gather information from interested individuals or groups.

BLM and the Western Area Power Administration will be preparing an environmental impact statement for the proposal, and these initial “scoping” meetings give the public an opportunity to provide comments on resources and issues they would like to see addressed in the EIS, including route alternatives.

The meetings in Colorado are scheduled at the locations below. Participants may stop by the open house meetings anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.:

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| January 26, 2011 | Moffat County School District<br>Administrative Building<br>775 Yampa Avenue<br>Craig, CO   |
| January 27, 2011 | Northwestern Community College<br>Weiss Activity Center<br>500 Kennedy Drive<br>Rangely, CO |
| January 31, 2011 | Central High School Library<br>550 Warrior Way<br>Grand Junction, CO                        |

TransWest Express, LLC, proposes to construct an extra-high-voltage overhead transmission line from south-central Wyoming through northwestern Colorado and Utah terminating at the Marketplace Hub in southern Nevada – a distance of about 725 miles. It would be a 600-kilovolt (kV) direct current (DC) transmission line. It would include two AC/DC converter stations, a fiber optic network communications system, and two ground electrode facilities. The proposed line would transmit up to 3,000 megawatts per year of electricity generated primarily from planned renewable energy facilities in Wyoming to respond to anticipated load growth in the southwestern United States. Alternative routes would affect federal, state, and private lands.

Comments may submitted during the open house meetings, via the project e-mail address (TransWest\_WYMail@blm.gov) or in writing to Bureau of Land Management, Attention Sharon Knowlton, Project Manager, TransWest Express Project, P.O. Box 20678, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003. Facsimile comments will not be accepted. For further information or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Knowlton at (307) 775-6124 or through the email address listed above.

Project information and documents will be available on the project Web site:  
<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/transwest.html>.

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