

Table 2-6 Alternative Routes Comparison - Idaho

Alternative Routes	Links	Length (miles)	Public Lands Crossed (miles)	Private Lands Crossed (miles)	Cost (millions of dollars)	Ground Disturbance Estimates (acres)		Environmental Impacts										Public Acceptability	Notes				
						Temp	Perm	Visual Impacts		Biological Resources		Soil Erosion	Land Uses				Cultural Resources			Water Resources			
								Impact Level (miles)	Visual Compatibility	Impact Level (miles)	Migration Corridors and Habitats		Impacts Level (miles)	Houses within 1000 feet	Houses within 500 feet	Corridor Utilization and Comments					Subdivisions Crossed	Other Direct Conflicts	
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Alternative C1 Preferred Route	20,22,23,24,26-1,26-2,26-3,26-4,27	232.5	176	56.5	\$223.1	1044	800	M - 64.8 H - 18.0	33.6 miles	M - 162.1 H - 36.1 Second highest overall biological impacts	Crosses through important wildlife movement corridors on the Montana / Idaho border. Second lowest sage grouse habitat; second highest crossing in the vicinity of leks.	M - 11.0	M - 13.8 H - 0.1	6	2	Paralleling the I-15 corridor on northern end is preferred by the BLM and other agencies. Crosses agricultural lands and near residences in Aberdeen area. Passes near Great Rift WSA, Shale Butte WSA and Craters of the Moon National Monument.	None	Other Direct Conflicts	M - 0.2 H - 7.3 Within 250 feet of rutted segments of Goodale's Cutoff Historic Trail. Crosses INL area known for many important cultural resources.	M - 0.8	Residents and landowners in Aberdeen area concerned about impacts to agricultural practices in the area.	Best meets the expressed opinion on location by the BLM and agencies because of the paralleling of the I-15 corridor and utilizing the existing corridor south of Craters of the Moon National Monument.	
Alternative C2 Eastern Route	20,21,26-1,26-2,26-3,26-4,27	239.2	171	68.2	\$228.9	1083	816	M - 54.3 H - 16.2	21.3 miles	M - 176.2 H - 28.1	Crosses through important wildlife movement corridors on the Montana / Idaho border. Highest amount of critical winter habitat for big game species crossed.	M - 8.8	M - 26.6 H - 0.1	5	1	Crosses agricultural lands and near residences in Aberdeen area. Crosses nearby to Great Rift WSA, Shale Butte WSA, Hell's Half Acre WSA, Cedar Butte WSA, and Craters of the Moon National Monument. Crosses through the Great Rift NNL. Highest overall land use impacts of all the alternatives evaluated.	None		Fewest miles of expected cultural impacts.	M - 14.3	Residents and landowners in Aberdeen area concerned about impacts to agricultural practices in the area.	Most land use impacts due to crossing of agricultural lands in the Aberdeen area.	
Alternative C3 Western Route	18-2,23,25-11,25-12,25-3,25-4,27	177.6	144.4	33.2	\$193.1	784	617	M - 60.0 H - 13.1	32.1 miles	M - 136.9 H - 29.6	Most miles of high quality sage grouse habitat. Least miles in vicinity of sage grouse leks. Least miles of critical winter habitat for big game species. No wildlife movement corridors crossed.	M - 35.6	M - 1.5	3	0	Blaine County land use conflicts with Mountain Overlay District; residents in area near Carey vocally opposed. Least miles of land use impacts of the alternatives evaluated. Passes near Great Rift WSA and Craters of the Moon National Monument.	One platted subdivision crossed.	Would cross inventoried Roadless Area on the Caribou - Targhee National Forest	H - 0.2	M - 21.1	Most controversy of any of the routes evaluated as expressed by the public in the Carey area and the Blaine County Commission.	Blaine County officials and publics expressed significant opposition; highest soil erosion hazard because of Blizzard Mountain steep slopes	
Alternative C4 Sheep Creek INL Brigham Point Route	18-2,23,24,26-1,26-2,26-3,26-4,27	214.2	170.3	43.9	\$212.5	964	720	M - 58.3 H - 14.3	31.6 miles	M - 172.1 H - 11.7	Second least miles of impact. No wildlife movement corridors crossed.	M - 5.8	M - 19.9	4	0	Crosses agricultural lands and near residences in Aberdeen area. No high land use impacts along this route.	None	Would cross inventoried Roadless Area on the Caribou - Targhee National Forest	Forty (40) cultural resources within 250 feet.	M - 17.9	Residents and landowners in Aberdeen area concerned about impacts to agricultural practices in the area.	Least miles of significant impacts	
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