

May 7, 2009 PAWG Recommendations to the BLM Pinedale Field Office
July 23, 2009 BLM PFO Response

Cultural

1. For significant cultural/historical sites to be identified and monitored on a systematic basis by professionals (BLM staff or contractors) to document the potential of indirect impact and vandalism.

BLM: There are more than 2500 significant cultural/historical sites as designated by the Pinedale Field Office. As time and personnel allow, the BLM will try to identify the more visible/potentially impacted sites for further monitoring.

2. For side branches of the Lander Trail through affected environment (Sand Springs to North Piney Creek) to be studied, inventoried, and documented to evaluate historical significance as mitigation for visual impacts to the setting from the Paradise 230kV Transmission Project.

BLM: This can be considered as a primary point for mitigation but is beyond the sole jurisdiction of the BLM. A Programmatic Agreement or Memorandum of Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office may be necessary to designate these side branches as part of the Lander Trail. Other entities, such as the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Oregon-California Trails Association, and Alliance for Historic Wyoming, will also be involved.

Transportation

1. For Corten steel to be used as the steel pole type for the Paradise 230kV Transmission Project.
2. For the Paradise 230kv Transmission Project Routing to follow Alternative 3, the BLM Preferred Alternative:
 - a. Segment 1B
 - b. Segment 2
 - c. Segment 3
 - d. Segment 4B
 - e. Segment 5
 - f. Segments 6A and 6B
 - g. Segment 7

BLM: The PFO FM has received this recommendation and is taking it into consideration. This project is still in the pre-decisional phase.