

# Gateway West Transmission Line Project

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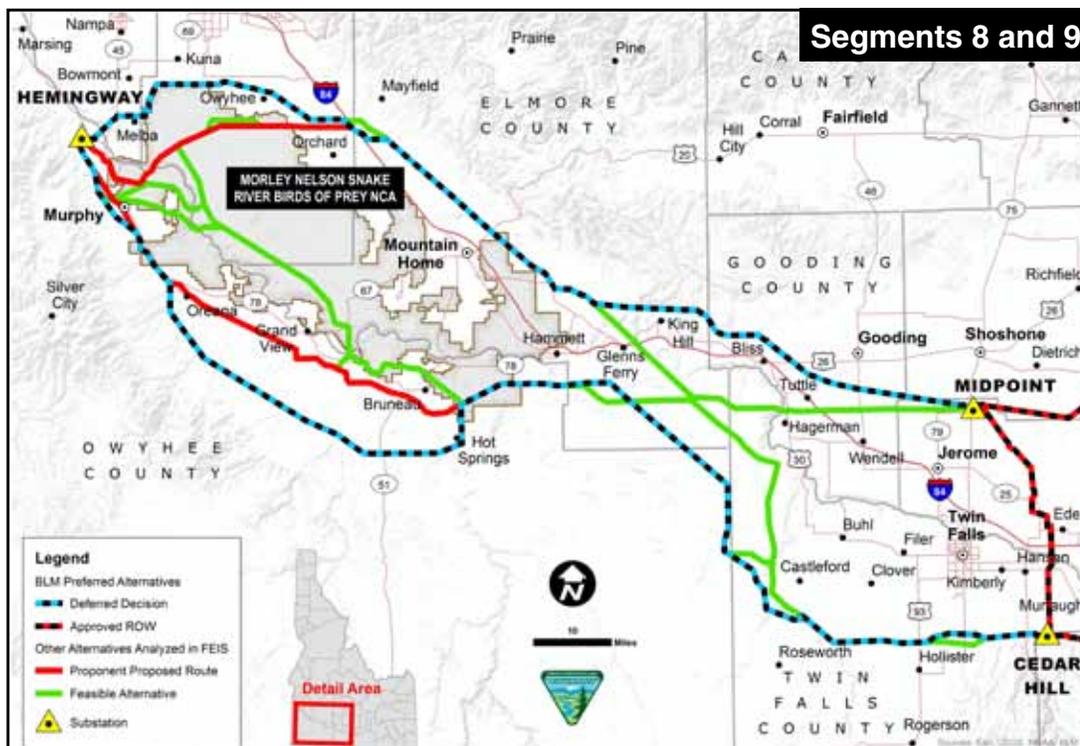


## Gateway West project update on Segments 8 and 9 in Idaho

### For more information

- Go online to [www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway\\_west](http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway_west).
- Boise District RAC Website: [www.blm.gov/id/st/en/get\\_involved/resource\\_advisory/boise/BDO-RAC\\_gateway-west-subcommittee.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/get_involved/resource_advisory/boise/BDO-RAC_gateway-west-subcommittee.html).
- Email [Gateway\\_West\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov).
- Call 1-800-380-5828.
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Segments 8 and 9 in Idaho as shown in the project Record of Decision (ROD). The BLM continues to evaluate routes in this area.

**See inside for more information.**

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## Project Update – Segments 8 and 9 in Idaho

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project on November 14, 2013. The ROD, prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), identifies the BLM's decision on routing for the project. The Gateway West Transmission Line Project, jointly proposed by Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power, is composed of 10 transmission line segments, originating at the Windstar Substation near Glenrock, Wyoming, and terminating at the Hemingway Substation 20 miles southwest of Boise, Idaho.



The ROD, based on the analysis presented in the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), identifies the BLM-authorized route on public lands for segments 1 through 7 and segment 10. The BLM deferred a decision in the ROD on the authorized routes for segments 8 and 9 in Idaho. The approved segments 1 through 7 and segment 10 are not exclusively dependent on segments 8 and 9. The BLM has asked the Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to evaluate possible routes and provide BLM options to consider prior to beginning any additional environmental review of segments 8 and 9.

### Next steps for the BLM

Beginning in December 2013, a subcommittee of the Boise District RAC has been evaluating siting issues associated with segments 8 and 9 in and around the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, as well as on private lands. The subcommittee will prepare a report for the Boise District RAC, which will then present routing options for segments 8 and 9 for the BLM to consider. The subcommittee meetings will continue as needed and are open to the public. Meeting information will be posted on the Boise District RAC website, or you may contact the project team to receive meeting date information (see front for website and contact information).

### What is a Resource Advisory Council (RAC)?

RACs provide advice to the BLM on the management of public lands and resources. The Boise District RAC is a citizen-based group consisting of 15 members from local communities who represent local interests, including ranchers, environmental groups, tribes, State and local government officials, academics, and other public land users.

The BLM Authorized Officer for segments 8 and 9 will review the findings of the Boise District RAC. If additional routing options are to be considered that would require changes to the alternatives presented in the final EIS, the BLM will prepare additional environmental analysis. If additional environmental analysis occurs, the BLM will invite the public to participate and comment on issues, potential impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives to segments 8 and 9.

