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Dear Interested Party:

The Northwestern Energy Columbus Rapelje-Chrome Junction 100kV Transmission Line Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA), DOI-BLM-MT-0010-2014-0025-EA and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available for a 30 day public review and comment period. The documents will be available at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Billings Field Office (BiFO) website at:

http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings_field_office.html.

The comment period will be conducted beginning immediately and ending on September 11, 2015. The EA has been prepared to disclose and analyze the environmental consequences associated with construction of a 100kV transmission line across .88 miles of public lands managed by the BLM. This portion of the project would be located in southwestern Stillwater County, Montana near Beehive.

Comments on the EA or unsigned FONSI can be sent electronically to BLM_MT_Billings_FO@blm.gov or via the U.S. Postal Service at the address listed above in the letterhead by close of business September 11, 2015. The BLM will consider any substantive comments and revise the EA or FONSI as appropriate. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Thank you for your interest in the management of public lands in the Billings Field Office. If you have any questions concerning the EA or unsigned FONSI, please contact me at (406) 896-5013.

Sincerely,


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