

APPENDIX D – SCOPING COMMENT SUBMITTALS

- Agency
- Tribal Governments (no comments received)
- Individuals
- Special Interest Groups

**Gateway South Transmission Project
Scoping Comment Submittals**

AGENCY

Federal

1. Bureau of Land Management – White River Field Office
2. Bureau of Land Management – Price Field Office
3. Bureau of Land Management – Colorado Northwest District Office
4. National Park Service – National Trails Intermountain Region
5. National Park Service – Intermountain Regional Office
6. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 8
7. Ashley National Forest – Forest Geologist
8. Ashley National Forest – Visual Resources
9. Ashley National Forest – Environmental Coordinator
10. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Western Colorado Field Office

State

11. Central Utah Water Conservancy District
12. Wyoming Senate District 11 – Larry Hicks, State Senator
13. Wyoming Game and Fish Department
14. Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife
15. Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners
16. Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office

Local (City and County)

17. Carbon County, Wyoming – Board of Commissioners
18. Carbon County, Wyoming – Economic Development Corporation
19. Emery County, Utah – Board of Commissioners
20. Emery County, Utah – Public Lands Administration
21. Sanpete County, Utah – Economic Development Office
22. Moffat County, Colorado – Land Use Board, Recreation
23. Sweetwater County, Wyoming – Board of Commissioners
24. Uintah County, Utah – County Commission
25. City of Rawlins, Wyoming
26. Coalition of Local Governments, Wyoming
27. Roosevelt City, Utah
28. Town of Rangley, Colorado – Mayor Davis
29. Moffat County, Colorado – County Commissioners

TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

No comments received during scoping period.

INDIVIDUALS

30. Reed Allen, Jr.
31. LeeAnne Asay
32. Ferrel Atwood
33. Laura and Rex Bailey
34. John Baldi
35. John and Stacey Bateman
36. Doug and Jean Bills – 5/24/2011 (email)
37. Douglass D. and Jean W. Bills – 5/24/2011 (email)
38. Doug and Jean Bills – 5/25/2011 (letter)
39. Douglass D. Bills – 6/3/2011 (comment form)
40. J.C. Brewer
41. Stan Burch
42. Diane Butler
43. Jack Butterfield
44. Matthew and Susan Carlson
45. Jimmy L. Castillo
46. Tony and Dalia Colindres – 6/23/2011 (email)
47. Tony and Dalia Colindres – 6/28/2011 (email)
48. Sue Cook and Irven Olson
49. Bob and Lexine Davis
50. Shane Deeter
51. Kevin Denney
52. Ryan Deveraux
53. Jack Dishong – 4/22/2011
54. Jack Dishong – 5/12/2011
55. David Downs
56. Michael J. and Margaret A. Duzik
57. Edward C. Jessen Family Trust
58. Affel H. Erekson
59. Roger and Norene Eschler
60. Pat Eyre
61. John S. Frisby/Christine F. Turpine for Frisby Family, LLC
62. Lydia Garvey
63. Gary Gilbert – 5/10/2011 (email)
64. Gary Gilbert – 5/12/2011 (comment form)
65. Mechelle Grant
66. Darrell Hafen – 5/11/2011 (letter)

67. Darrell Hafen – 6/2/2011 (letter)
68. Reed and Kaye Hammond
69. Wayne and Moreen Henderson
70. John Hill (Cripple Cowboy Cow Outfit, Inc.)
71. Pamela Hones
72. Herm Hoops
73. Renee Howes
74. Paul Jacob
75. Jared Jacques
76. Edward and Jessen Family Trust
77. Kathy and Pat Jordan
78. Joyce Key
79. Earnie Lambert
80. Jack McAllister
81. Paul McAllister
82. Warren and Kathleen McClellan
83. Wes McStay
84. Nonie and Randy Montgomery
85. Uwe Paul Mudrow
86. Gregg and Victoria Olson
87. Richard and Evelyn Ott
88. Tori and Jeff Pack
89. Winfield Pankey
90. Curtis and Veronica Pell
91. Paul Percival
92. Rich Phillips
93. Jason Pieczonka
94. Stan Larson
95. Davie Robertson
96. Eric Ross
97. Jerry Ross
98. Keith Ross
99. Oran and Amy Rundberg
100. Christopher Schmidt
101. Donna and George Schneider
102. Cory and Vickie Shaw
103. Michael A. Smith
104. Patricia S. Smith
105. John and Monica Spehler – 5/31/2011
106. John and Monica Spehler – 6/1/2011
107. Stephen Stanton – 4/5/2011
108. Stephen Stanton – 6/2/2011
109. Warren L. Stanton
110. Brett Stewart

111. Vernon and Sandra Swasey
112. Raymond Torcell
113. Ray Vandeweerd
114. Dean Visintainer
115. C. Wagstaff
116. Rolf Walpole
117. Sherry Weber
118. Lee R. Williams
119. James Willis
120. Noemi Willis
121. Tom Willis
122. Hall Wing
123. Capt. M.L. Obando, Ret.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

124. Utah Farm Bureau

Environmental

125. Friends of Northwest Colorado Group
126. Alliance for Historic Wyoming
127. American Rock Art Research Association
128. Wyoming Wildlife Federation
129. Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust
130. Western Resource Advocates (without listed exhibits)
131. Trout Unlimited
132. Biodiversity Conservation Alliance

Corporations

133. Rocky Mountain Power
134. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation – 4/25/2011 (letter)
135. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation – 6/30/2011 (email)
136. Blue Mountain Energy – Deserado Mine
137. Enterprise Products
138. Kinder Morgan
139. N.W. Services
140. Overland Trail Cattle Company, LLC
141. Plains Pipeline
142. Power Company of Wyoming, LLC
143. Vermillion Ranch Limited Partnership
144. TransWest Express, LLC

Recreation

145. Peterson Outfitters

FORM LETTERS

- 146. Brad Blumenthal
- 147. Craig H. Burnham
- 148. Carol L. Campbell
- 149. Stephen Cooper
- 150. Kim and Linda Crandall and Lynn and Beth Crandall
- 151. Dan D'Amico
- 152. Susan D'Amico
- 153. Gaye H. England
- 154. Glenn C. England
- 155. Beth S. Johnson
- 156. F. Brent Johnson
- 157. Lab Family Trust – Dean Lab, Trustee
- 158. Lab Family Trust – Deena J. Lab, Trustee
- 159. Michael T. Lami
- 160. Evelyn W. Loveless
- 161. Jann T. Nixon
- 162. Richard H. Nixon
- 163. David Ostberg
- 164. James Paystrup
- 165. Bruce Reemsnyder
- 166. Mitchell Rudd
- 167. Dean Sweat
- 168. Florence B. Taylor

AGENCY

Federal



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Dear Tamara:

Following the public scoping meeting for the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project in Rangely, Colorado on 05/18/2011, our staff discussed your presentation of the alternative routes. We would like to express our concern over the potential impact of eliminating some of the routes as recommended. The two Wyoming routes represented in gold lines on your map do have an impact on the point at which the lines may enter Colorado; and even if they are eliminated, we feel strongly that the corridor following the direct route across Utah along the Highway 40 should be analyzed rather than withdrawn from consideration.

The green routes through Baggs, Wyoming and west of Baggs, Wyoming could pass through Dinosaur, Colorado and tie in near the beginning of the purple line. Pursuing any of the alternatives to the south of this would seem to involve more overall disturbance and potential for greater environmental impact. For this reason I am concerned about the recommendation of Rocky Mountain Power to eliminate the route along Highway 40 in Utah from consideration.

Sincerely,

Kent E. Walter
Field Manager



ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Comment Form

If you wish to submit comments, please feel free to use this form or other correspondence and hand it in at a public scoping meeting or mail it to the following address.

c/o
Attn: Tamara Gertsch
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BLM Wyoming State Office
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To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Please Print Clearly

Name: Michael Leschine Date: 5/31/2011
Title: Nat. Res. Spec. Organization that You Represent: BLM Self
Mailing Address: 125 S. 600 W. City: FT-CO State: UT Zip: 84501
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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

If any surface disturbance in Morrison, Moenkopi, Cedar Mtn. and Chinle formations, must have pre-work during work ~~apart~~ BLM permitted Paleontologist on site. Green River F needs paleo during surf. dist. but NOT pre-work

Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

Please Note:

Comments are due by June 30, 2011

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made 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.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Colorado Northwest District Office
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MEMORANDUM

To: Tamara Gertsch, Energy Gateway South Project Manager

From: Dave Rosenkrance, CO NW Associate District Manager

Date: July 12, 2011

RE: Issue Paper on Energy Gateway South Transmission Line Alternatives

Issue

As the Energy Gateway South Transmission Line Project EIS is developed and alternatives are created and vetted, it is important for the Colorado NW District Offices affected by the project to present a consistent message as to which alternatives are viable and which alternatives the offices feel may not be viable due to issues such as cultural resources, Greater Sage Grouse habitat, Listed and sensitive species habitat, priority view sheds, etc.

Discussion

NW District Field Office Concerns

Little Snake Field Office –

- Route that passes through WY into UT, bypassing CO altogether.

Resource Concerns: None.

- Eastern-most route that passes south down Hwy 13 and east out Hwy 40. This is the route designated in the Westwide Energy Corridor EIS.

Resource Concerns:

- Passes through 3 active sage-grouse leks.
- Local partners, (Moffat County, city of Baggs, State Land Board) have strong concerns about the private land issues along this route.

- Western-most route that goes down 7-Mile Ridge.

Resource Concerns:

- Passes through 3 active sage-grouse leks.
- Substantial visual concerns, as this route is located on a ridge top that will be seen from long distances away. (LSFO thinks there may be an opportunity to move this route slightly to the east to mitigate the visual concerns. We'd like the LSFO IDT to look at this a little closer).
- The route skirts the Sand Wash HMA. Wild horse interests have expressed concerns over this route.
- The 1-mile buffer of this route skirts Cross Mountain WSA. Conservation interests have expressed concerns over this route for this reason.
- This is not a designated corridor in the Westwide Energy Corridor EIS.

- Central route(s) that pass through Great Divide.

Resource Concerns:

- This route is not a designated corridor for above-ground ROWs in the Westwide Energy Corridor EIS.
- These routes pass through the largest sage-grouse core area in Colorado. The line transects 14 active sage-grouse leks. FO expects very significant impacts to greater sage-grouse from this alternative.
- Visual concerns. Great Divide is very open, so the lines could be seen from long distances.

White River Field Office –

Corridor ID: C102 (Follows Highway 13)

Resource Concerns:

- Follows the Meeker North corridor – the WWEC Amendment changed this corridor from buried only to electric only so there is no new amendment required
- Overlaps areas mapped as landslide areas which are also classified as avoidance areas for land use authorizations (including ROWs) in the RMP

Corridor ID: C151, C150 (Follows Colorow-Greasewood)

Resource Concerns:

- Follows the Colorow-Greasewood corridor that is designated as buried only in the WWEC Amendment; requires a plan amendment

Corridor ID: C220, C200, C185, C181, C180, C104 (Meeker to Rangely)

Resource Concerns:

- Largely follows the Meeker-Rangely corridor established in the 1997 RMP – this may need a plan amendment. The Meeker-Rangely corridor is open for above-ground utilities but it overlaps with the Colorow-Greasewood corridor that was designated as buried only in the RMP and also in the WWEC Amendment.
- Segment C220 is outside of a designated corridor; no plan amendment needed since the 1997 RMP designates everything open unless it is an avoidance or exclusion area
- Rio Blanco County does not want the power line to follow Highway 64 along the White River.

Corridor ID: C195, C196 (Follows Dragon Trail)

Resource Concerns:

- Segment C196 is partially outside of a designated corridor; no plan amendment needed since the 1997 RMP designates everything open unless it is an avoidance or exclusion area
- Segment C195 and portions of C196 follow the Dragon Trail-Atchee Ridge corridor designated as buried only in the 1997 RMP; requires a plan amendment
- Segment C196 overlaps portions of the Texas-Missouri-Evacuation Creek area which is designated as an avoidance area for major new rights-of-way in the RMP
- Segment C196 overlaps areas mapped as landslide areas which are also classified as avoidance areas for land use authorizations (including ROWs) in the RMP
- Segment C195 goes through a corner of the Canyon Pintado National Historic District which is classified as an avoidance area for land use authorizations in the RMP

Corridor ID: C177 (Cactus Reservoir)

Resource Concerns:

- Outside of a designated corridor; no plan amendment needed since the 1997 RMP designates everything open unless it is an avoidance or exclusion area

Corridor ID: C175, C186, C187 (Follows Highway 40)

Resource Concerns:

- Follows the Elk Springs-Dinosaur corridor established in the 1997 RMP and in the WWEC Amendment

Grand Junction Field Office –

- Western route that parallels the Colorado/Utah border.

Resource Concerns:

- This route partially overlaps the Badger Wash ACEC. The GJFO would request that the ACEC be avoided if this route is chosen.
- This route partially overlaps the Demaree WSA. The GJFO would request that the WSA be avoided if this route is chosen.
- Highway 139 is a designated Scenic Byway.
- This area contains slumping soils, which could be an issue for construction activities.
- This route partially overlaps the McInnis Canyons NCA. The GJFO would request that the NCA be avoided if this route is chosen.

- East/West Route that traverses the Book Cliffs.

Resource Concerns:

- Visual concerns. The area surrounding Mt. Garfield is highly visible from almost all viewpoints in the Grand Valley. The GJFO would ask for certain design features that would help reduce visual impacts from the line traversing the Book Cliffs and making its way down into the Grand Valley, should this route be chosen.
- T&E Cactus are found within the corridor for this route.
- Raptor issues due to the proximity to the Colorado River.
- Some areas of the proposed corridor have been identified as unsuitable for ROWs in the 1987 GJFO RMP.
- The GJFO would request that the project stay within the Westwide Energy Corridor, rather than the Coal Canyon Corridor, should this route be chosen.

Colorado River Valley Field Office –

- Route in which the proposed line follows Highway 13 and the Westwide Energy Corridor.

Resource Concerns:

- None

Impact/Consequences

Several of the alternative routes, including the applicant-proposed corridor, include serious resource and public conflicts including, but not limited to: visual conflicts, sage grouse conflicts, conflicts with local partners and conflicts with special designation areas (wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, areas of critical environmental concern).

These conflicts may or may not be mitigable down to a level that all involved can be satisfied with. The NEPA process itself will reveal if the impacts to the resources are indeed mitigable.

Sage Grouse and other T&E conflicts have historically drawn litigants and have cost the BLM and the Solicitors many hours of manpower and precious funding.

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Submittal 4

Subject
Re: Gateway South Transmission Line
and National Historic Trails
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Hi Michael :

Thank you for your project comment. Early on in the project we invited the NPS to become a cooperating agency on the project and they declined, however we would be very happy to work with you to add NPS as a cooperating agency at this time. Can you let me know who we should address the correspondence to (who will sign the MOU), including name, address, phone number and email, and who will be the Project contact, including the same information, and we will get the documents sent out right away and also work to get the appropriate individuals added to our project sharepoint site.

Thanks again!

Regards,

- Tamara

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Subject
Comments on DEC-11/0084, Energy Gateway South 500-kV Alternating Current Transmission Line Project

Hi Tamara,

Please accept the attached comments.

(See attached file: DEC.11.0084 Energy Gateway Transmission Comment Memo.pdf)

Cheryl

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(See attached file: DEC.11.0084 Energy Gateway Transmission Comment Memo.pdf)

Dear Ms. Gertsch,

Please add me to email/mailling list for updates on the Gateway South Transmission Line Project. It appears that some of the routes will cross and possibly adversely affect the Old Spanish National Historic Trail administered by this office of the National Park Service. We would also like to become a cooperating agency for consultation purposes and a partner in developing any Programmatic Agreements regarding cultural resources management. Thank you for your assistance, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Mike Elliott

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"to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations"
The National Park Service Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1.1), August 25, 1916

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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DEC-11/0084

June 30, 2011

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW

Memorandum

To: Tamara Gertsch, National Project Manager, BLM
From: Cheryl Eckhardt, Environmental Compliance Specialist, NPS
Subject: National Park Service comments on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Energy Gateway South 500-kV Alternating Current Transmission Line Project in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Energy Gateway South 500-kV Alternating Current Transmission Line Project in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.

NPS reviewed this project in relation to any possible conflicts with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) programs. During this review, NPS noted that there are a number of LWCF projects within the states of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming that could be affected by this project.

We recommend you consult directly with the officials who administer the LWCF programs in these states to determine any potential conflicts with Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (public Law 88-578, as amended). This section states: "No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location."

The administrators for the LWCF programs are as follows:

Colorado: Thomas M. Morrissey, State Trails Program Manager, Colorado State Parks, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 618, Denver, CO 80201. Mr. Morrissey's phone number is 303-866-3203 Ext. 4335

Utah: Susan Zarekarizi, Grants coordinator and Lands/Environmental Coordinator, Division of Parks and Recreation, Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 116, Box 146001, Salt lake City, Utah 84114-6001. Ms. Zarekarizi's phone number is 801-538-7496.

Wyoming: Ms. Tracy Williams, Grants Specialist, 2301 Central Avenue, Barrett Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Ms. Williams' phone number is 307-777-8681.

The National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) office of the National Park Service has reviewed the preliminary information available for this project. It appears that some of the alternative routes will cross and possibly adversely affect the Old Spanish National Historic Trail, which is administered by our office. We request that you add us to your email list for updates on the project. Correspondence may be sent to michael_elliott@nps.gov. NTIR would also like to participate in the cultural resources review team, if one is created, and review any Programmatic Agreements regarding cultural resources management strategies for the project.

Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions regarding the LWCF comments, please contact Dennis Burmeister, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 402-661-1556. For trails, please contact Michael Elliott, NPS-NTIR, at 505-988-6092.

cc:
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Submittal 6

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EPA Scoping Comment Letter

Tamara,

Attached is the electronic copy of the EPA's scoping comment letter. We will also send you a hard copy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide BLM with comments on this transmission project EIS.

Carol
(See attached file: gateway south scoping ltr.pdf)

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Re: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
Scoping Comments

Dear Ms. Gertsch:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) has reviewed the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project (Gateway South Project) in Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, and the project website. Consistent with our authority under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, we respond with the following comments for your consideration as you proceed with the Draft EIS.

Project Description

Rocky Mountain Power has requested a right-of-way (ROW) authorization to construct, operate and maintain a 500 kilovolt (kV) alternating current transmission line that would extend approximately 400 miles, depending on the route selected, from south-central Wyoming to central Utah, potentially crossing northwestern Colorado. Project components are: (1) the transmission line; (2) new substations in Medicine Bow in Carbon County, Wyoming and near Mona in Juab County, Utah; (3) two series compensation stations, each about 200 acres in size, at two separate points between the substations; and (4) permanent and temporary access roads. The Project would transmit about 1,500 megawatts of electricity generated from renewable and thermal sources at planned facilities in Wyoming. Because the proposed transmission line crosses federal land—most of which is administered and managed by the BLM—the BLM will serve as the lead agency. Potential routes for the transmission line identified to date also will cross state, tribal and private lands. The NOI states that 24 federal and state

agencies and local governments are cooperating agencies. This project may require amendments to BLM and U.S. Forest Service land use plans.

Project Purpose, Need and Alternatives Development

While the NOI does not identify a purpose and need for the project, the March 2011 project newsletter stated that the purpose of the Gateway South Project is to increase capacity and service reliability for its customers in the region now and into the future. Rocky Mountain Power's existing system was last upgraded 25 years ago. The EPA recommends that the EIS provide clear and concise documentation that illustrates a deficiency in power delivery infrastructure in the region and define the transmission constraints.

It is important that the project purpose defined in the EIS address the need without too narrowly constraining the range of alternatives. The EPA suggests that the BLM rigorously explore and objectively evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives that meet the stated project purpose and need, including alternatives that are outside the legal jurisdiction of the lead agency if they are reasonable, and are responsive to the issues identified during the scoping process in the EIS.

For this project, potential alternative routes were identified based on the following criteria: (1) paralleling existing linear features (e.g., existing transmission lines and roads); (2) using corridors designated by federal land management agencies and identified in local planning documents to contain linear facilities; (3) using approved corridors identified in the recent West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic EIS; and (4) avoiding wilderness and urban areas, critical habitat and irrigated farm land.

Environmental Effects Analysis

In the NOI, the BLM adequately identifies the resources that potentially could be impacted. The EPA recommends that the BLM consider the following information in analyzing the Project's direct, indirect and cumulative effects on specific social and natural resources.

Environmental Justice

The NOI states that tribal consultations will be conducted. The BLM should also ensure that impacts to all environmental justice populations are analyzed, and the EPA has the following recommendations:

- Identify whether the project may have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and/or low-income communities.
- Conduct an initial screening exercise to identify the presence of minority and/or low-income communities and whether such communities are likely to experience adverse environmental or human health effects as a result of the proposed actions.
- Focus the analysis both on the overall affected area and population and on smaller areas and/or communities within the affected area.
- Individuals tasked with identifying and addressing environmental justice should be familiar with environmental justice issues, public participation mechanisms and outreach strategies and tribal concerns and issues.
- When proposed actions may affect tribal lands or resources, the EPA recommends that the lead agency request that the affected tribe or tribes participate as cooperating agencies. While noting

that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is a cooperating agency, the EPA would like to know if the Northern Ute Tribe also was extended an invitation to become a cooperating agency.

- Environmental justice concerns may lead to more focused analyses, identifying significant effects that may otherwise have been diluted by examination of a larger population area. Environmental justice concerns should always trigger the serious evaluation of alternatives as well as mitigation options.
- Identifying the "affected community" is particularly important. The effects of the proposed action will often vary depending on the distance of the affected community from the action and the type or effect created by the action. Effects on the community should be discussed in terms of reasonable increments from the site of the action.
- Community involvement is particularly important in cases involving potential environmental justice issues. Early and sustained communications with the affected community throughout the NEPA process is an essential component of environmental justice.
- For meaningful community involvement to be achieved in circumstances when environmental justice is an issue, technical assistance supplied by the lead agency should be available to the community to assist in their full participation (e.g., interpretation of scientific documents, development of alternatives or mitigation measures).

Wetlands and Riparian Areas and Associated Ecosystems

The EPA considers the protection, improvement and restoration of wetlands and riparian areas to be a high priority. Wetlands and riparian areas increase landscape and species diversity, support many species of western wildlife, and are critical to the protection of water quality and designated beneficial water uses. Potential impacts on riparian areas and wetlands include water quality, habitat for aquatic and terrestrial life, flood storage, ground water recharge and discharge, sources of primary production and recreation and aesthetics.

The NOI states that the EIS will include a floodplain/wetland assessment. The EPA notes that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the federal agency tasked with implementing Clean Water Act Section 404 permit requirements, is a cooperating agency. The EPA suggests that all identified wetland sites be clearly marked, posted, flagged and/or fenced prior to construction. Such actions should prevent accidental or operator error impacts during construction. Once the project is completed, the EPA recommends that a post construction review be held to ensure that wetland impacts were avoided.

The EPA encourages Rocky Mountain Power to place transmission structures so that the line spans rivers, streams, arroyos and wetlands. There should be no construction of transmission poles/lattices in waterways, banks of waterways or within the riparian zone of any waterway.

Ground and Surface Water Quality

The EIS should clearly describe water bodies and ground water resources within the analysis area that may be impacted by project activities. Water quality impaired waters designated by states under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act along the transmission line routing should be included in the description, as well as state efforts to develop or revise Total Maximum Daily Loads.

The EPA recommends that the EIS include an appropriate stormwater pollution prevention plan and a hazardous materials spill plan to ensure protection of these impaired streams and all other water bodies and habitats within, adjacent to or near any of the proposed alternatives. The EIS should discuss the frequency or likelihood of vehicular spills of hazardous or toxic materials, and describe spill and release response capabilities.

Air Quality

The EPA recommends that the EIS evaluate and disclose potential air quality effects of transmission line construction and operation alternatives, including the project's potential affect on the following: (1) criteria pollutants under the National Ambient Air quality Standards, including ozone; (2) applicable Prevention of Significant Deterioration increments; (3) visibility impairment and air quality related values in the protection of any affected Class 1 Areas; (4) any significant concentrations of hazardous air pollutants; and (5) protection of public health. The EIS should evaluate effects of any proposed road improvements, new road construction and general ROW construction and operation activities on the area. Dust particulates from construction and ongoing operations on roadways are important concerns for public health and the environment. Airborne dust may not only be a visual nuisance, but can be potentially dangerous to asthma sufferers and others with respiratory illnesses. Construction techniques and appropriate dust control methods to reduce airborne dust and sediment runoff from the project area should be considered. Detailed plans for addressing dust control for the project should be included. The plans should contain the following components: dust suppression methods, inspection schedules and documentation and accountability processes. In addition, the EPA encourages the use of clean, lower-emissions equipment and technologies to reduce pollution. The EPA's final Highway Diesel and Non-road Diesel Rules mandate the use of lower-sulfur fuels in non-road diesel engines beginning in 2007.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change

The EPA recommends that the EIS include an analysis and disclosure of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate change. We suggest the following approach:

- Quantify and disclose projected annual and total project lifetime cumulative GHG emissions in CO₂-equivalent terms and translate the emissions into equivalencies that are easily understood by the public (see <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html>). In addition, because information on the "downstream" indirect GG emissions from transmission line projects may be of interest to the public in obtaining a complete picture of the GHG emissions associated with the project, it may be helpful to estimate and disclose them. Please describe any potential inconsistencies between the proposed action and any relevant regional, tribal or state climate change plans or goals, as well as the extent to which BLM would reconcile, through mitigation or otherwise, its proposed action with such plans. For example, please consider the Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Council on Climate Change 2007 Final Report (http://www.deq.utah.gov/BRAC_Climate/final_report.htm), Utah's GHG reduction goals (http://www.deq.utah.gov/Climate_Change/GHG.goal.htm) and the Western Climate Initiative (<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org>).
- Qualitatively discuss the link between GHGs and climate change, and the potential impacts of climate change. As discussed in the 2010 Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Draft NEPA Guidance on Consideration of the Effects of Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/Consideration_of_Effects_of_GHG_Draft_NEPA_Guidance_F

INAL_02182010.pdf), the estimated level of GHG emissions from the project and its alternatives can also serve as a reasonable proxy for assessing potential climate change impacts, and provide decision makers and the public with useful information for a reasoned choice among alternatives.

- Include a summary discussion of ongoing and projected regional climate change impacts relevant to the action area based on U.S. Global Change Research Program assessments. The EPA also recommends that the EIS identify any potential need to adapt the proposed action to these effects, as well as any potential impacts from the proposed action that may be exacerbated by climate change.
- Analyze reasonable alternatives and/or potential means to mitigate project-related GHG emissions.

Fish, Wildlife and Vegetation

The EPA recommends that the EIS disclose and evaluate the effects of project activities on area ecology, including vegetation, fish and wildlife, and associated aquatic and terrestrial habitat from transmission line construction and operation. Power transmission projects have the potential to disrupt important wildlife species habitat, resulting in mortality of migratory species such as birds and bats due to electrocution on power lines and collisions with tower, power lines or other related structures. In the affected environment section, please include current quality and capacity of habitat, usage by wildlife near the proposed project, known wildlife corridors/trails that may be affected and fisheries resources and aquatic habitat in surface waters that may be affected. In addition, the EPA recommends that any known or suspected habitat for threatened and endangered species be avoided.

Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plants

Among the greatest threats to biodiversity is the spread of noxious weeds and exotic (non-indigenous) plants. Many noxious weeds can out-compete native plants and produce a monoculture that has little or no plant species diversity or benefit to wildlife. Noxious weeds tend to gain a foothold where there is disturbance in the ecosystem. Studies show that new roads and utilities ROWs can become a pathway for the spread of invasive plants.

The EPA suggests that a vegetation management plan be prepared to address control of such plant intrusions. The plan should list the noxious weeds and exotic plants that occur in the project area. In areas where noxious weeds are a threat, the EPA recommends that the EIS detail a strategy for prevention, early detection of invasion and control procedures for each species. Early recognition and control of new infestations is essential in stopping the spread of infestation and avoiding future widespread use of herbicides, which could correspondingly have more adverse impacts on biodiversity and nearby water quality.

Mitigation

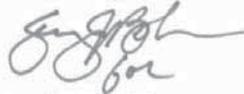
The EPA recommends that the BLM utilize the mitigation and monitoring guidance issued by the CEQ in January 2011 (http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/current_developments/docs/Mitigation_and_Monitoring_Guidance_14Jan2011.pdf) for agencies preparing NEPA documents, which includes the following:

- Ensure mitigation measures are documented;

- Ensure funding, permitting and other agency approvals are conditional on performance of mitigation commitments;
- Specify mitigation measures in terms of measurable performance standards; and
- Specify time frame of mitigation measures.

The EPA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments at this early stage of the NEPA process for the Gateway South Project. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 303-312-6004, or you may contact Carol Anderson of my staff at 303-312-6058.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Fw: EGS Powerline Project

I talked with several people at the recent EGS Scoping Meeting in Roosevelt, but didn't submit any formal comments at the meeting. From my discussions at the scoping meeting, and in earlier conversations with them regarding this project, it was clear that our primary concerns were already being acknowledged and addressed. Therefore, it didn't seem necessary to provide any formal comments at the scoping meeting.

From my point of view, our primary concerns with this project are as follows:

* Much of the project area, on the Ashley NF, is inventoried roadless. Approval for this project would require Secretary-level approval for the proposed road construction activities. However, some or all of the project-related construction could be done using helicopter support, rather than with road access. As such, the project might not actually require as much road construction as you might think. Just depends on how much they wish to spend on flying helicopters, rather than building roads.

* Much of the proposed or implied road and tower-pad construction will take place on bedrock likely to contain significant paleo resources (fossils). Field paleo surveys, paleo monitoring, or other paleo-specific mitigations would be needed.

* The proposed route largely follows an existing powerline route. Will need to route new powerline so it doesn't conflict or interfere with the existing powerline.

* The area contains both existing and proposed oil and gas development. Although these differing uses are unlikely to have major conflicts, the project will need site-specific planning to avoid potential conflicts with existing or proposed oil and gas developments. Leakage of radiated power from the proposed powerline could affect oil and gas infrastructure, if positioned to closely together.

* Much of the project area, on the Ashley NF, is adjacent to riparian areas.

* Otherwise, the rest of our concerns are likely to be fairly routine, and similar to project concerns elsewhere. Cultural resource concerns, wildlife concerns, visuals and recreation, water quality, safety, and so on.

Let me know if you have any questions on my comments above, or how I can be helpful.

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Visual Quality, Recreation, and Undeveloped Character Summary- Ashley National Forest

Analysis Needed - for 3 power transmission line proposals (Energy Gateway South, Transwest Express, and Sigurd to Red Butte transmission lines).

Affected Area on the ANF – based on proposal maps - Only one route of the Energy Gateway South line would cross the Ashley National Forest. The line would follow the Sower’s Canyon Road and an existing utility distribution line across the Forest’s South Unit. No proposals of the other projects cross the ANF.

Ashley Data Layers Available -

- 1986 Forest Plan VQOs
- 2008 Scenic Concern Routes, Sites, and Areas (CL 1 & 2) layers
- 2008 (planning scale only) Existing Scenic Integrity
- 2008 ROS Inventory
- 2001 Inventoried Roadless Areas
- 2005 Potential Wilderness Inventory
- Base layers – images from visitor maps, topographic relief, and satellite

Sower’s Canyon Landscape Characteristics and Uses - Sower’s Canyon is a 2-4 mile wide canyon within a series of nearly parallel canyons. The sidewalls of the canyon are rolling hills. Cover on the landscape is mostly shadscale, greasewood, and sagebrush, with pronounced shale and horizontal rock outcrops. Intermediate benches have inclusions of piñon pine/juniper. A constructed native surface road and an existing electrical transmission line follow the main drainage from the bottom of the canyon to Reservation Ridge, with a switchback on the southern (upper) end of the drainage. The most common uses of the area include big game hunting, livestock grazing, and oil and gas exploration and development.

The 2008 inventory map shows Roaded Natural ROS along the proposed corridor. Either side of the road was inventoried as *roadless* in 2001 and as *potential wilderness* in 2005. Existing disturbances off of the road include the annual effects of cattle grazing, grazing water developments, and the visibility of some oil development sites. A 2008 inventory of existing scenic integrity shows the entire area with High Scenic Integrity, though a more detailed mapping project would likely map the valley bottom as Moderate Scenic Integrity due to the existing electrical distribution line and oil developments.

The Sower’s Canyon Road was not mapped as either Scenic Concern Level One or Two in a 2008 scenery management system (SMS) inventory for forest plan revision. The road and proposed transmission corridor within the valley are not visible from communities or other routes of concern; Reservation Ridge, if visible from the south, is sufficiently distant to be of little scenic concern. The SMS inventory assigned a scenic attractiveness rating of typical (B).

Forest Plan - Much of the drainage is within Forest Plan Management Area N. The MA provides a range of uses; “commodity production is modified for amenity production”. The guideline for VQOs to meet is “as inventoried”. Modification (includes maximum modification) is the VQO inventoried. Management Area D, also in the drainage, has a minimum VQO of Maximum Modification, unless a case is made for a higher VQO based visitor concern. (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/lrmp/1986lrmp.shtml>)

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The Management prescriptions are mostly MA "n" with the potential of a little MA "d". Both MA would allow such uses.

The Roadless Rule it's self does not prohibit powerline transmissions, however it does state that "Although other activities (other than roads and timber sales) may also compromise roadless area values, they resist analysis at the national level and are best reviewed through local land management planning."

Any powerline construction outside of the road and existing powerline corridors would be in inventoried roadless and potential wilderness areas.

A question I have is since this analysis is being done at such a large level will site specific analysis be required prior to implementation?

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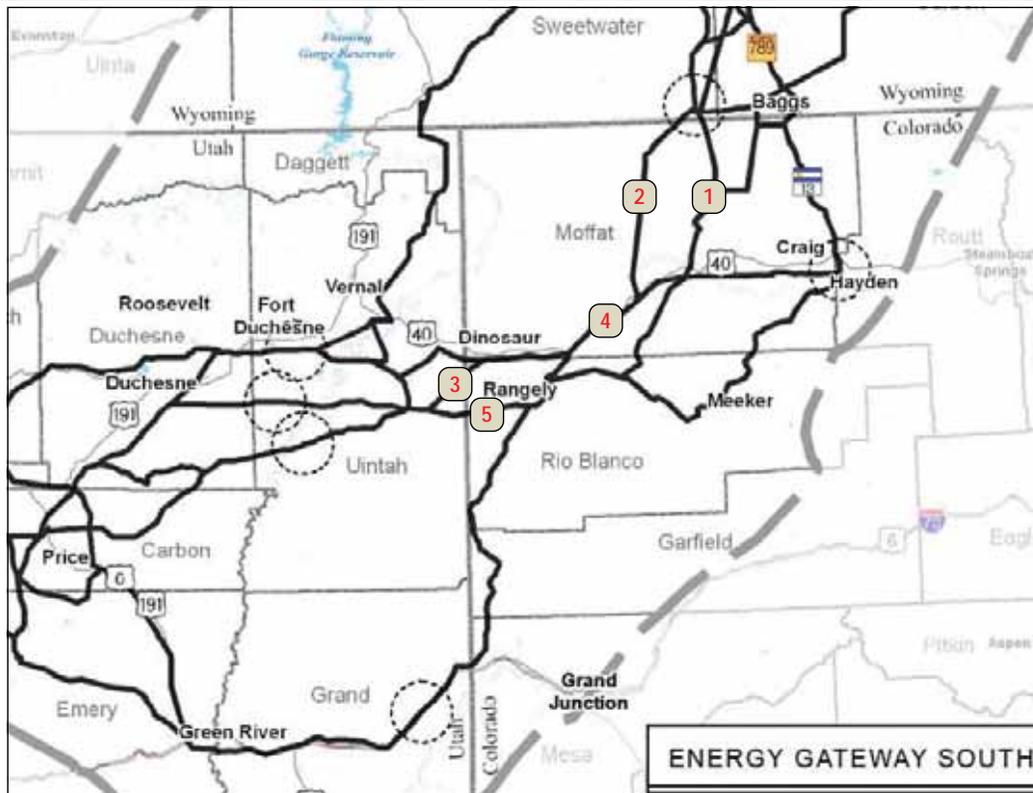
Thanks for inviting us to participate in the call on Tuesday. As briefly discussed on the call, we are providing comments on the routes under consideration in Colorado for the EGS transmission line. Please forward our comments to however else should see them at EPG. Given the various intersecting routes under consideration, I found it best to use a labeled map--our comments are therefore contained within the attached PowerPoint file. We are only commenting on potential routes here; I'm assuming there will be opportunity later on to provide input as to what surveys may be appropriate for the selected route.

If you have any questions or want follow-up information, please let me know.

(See attached file: Colorado FWS EGS route comments, 2011-8.ppt) _____ J.
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—Western Colorado Field Office. Comments on potential EGS routes. Associated comment page addresses numbers on map (#).



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—Western Colorado Field Office. Comments on potential EGS routes (see associated map).

1. The routes north of Maybell run through breeding, brood-rearing, and wintering habitats for the greater sage-grouse. Transmission towers provide hunting perches for raptors that can prey upon sage-grouse. Because of this predation risk, sage-grouse generally avoid trees and tall structures. In order to minimize impacts to sage-grouse, we recommend against selecting these routes.
2. The western-most route coming south from Wyoming into Colorado would also have impacts to the greater sage-grouse. However, they likely would be less severe than the routes discussed in comment #1 above. We recommend using the route following Highway 13 down to Craig, which should have the least adverse impact to sage-grouse.
3. Black-footed ferrets have been reintroduced into the prairie dog colony in Coyote Basin on the Utah-Colorado border. Transmission towers provide hunting perches for raptors that prey upon prairie dogs. It is not fully understood how much of a risk the presence of transmission towers might pose to resident black-footed ferrets, but they may reduce the value of the habitat for ferrets. For this reason, we find this route segment unfavorable. (Although a portion of this prairie dog colony, and associated ferrets, extends into Colorado, the bulk of it is in Utah. Therefore, we largely defer to the Utah Field Office on this issue.)
4. Black-footed ferrets have also been reintroduced into Wolf Creek, just south of Highway 40 near Elk Springs, Colorado. Unfortunately this population has declined in the past few years due to plague. However, the area south of Highway 40 in the general vicinity of Elk Springs may still be important to remaining ferrets and could become more important in the future. If possible, this route segment should include consideration of locating the EGS transmission line north of the existing Bonanza-Craig transmission line to reduce impacts to prairie dog colonies found to the south.
5. The route segment between Rangely, CO and Bonanza, UT runs through habitat occupied by White River beardtongue (candidate) and Graham beardtongue (proposed Threatened). We recommend avoiding impacts to these plant species.

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Submittal 11

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Subject: Gateway South Project

Dear Ms. Gertsch:

The Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments during the scoping period for the Gateway South Project. We recognize this is a complex, multi-state project.

General Background

CUWCD is a political subdivision of the State of Utah. It was formally established in 1964 to act as the local entity to contract with the United States of America in connection with the construction, operation, and financing of the Central Utah Project (CUP). CUWCD consists of all or part of ten counties—Duchesne, Garfield, Juab, Piute, Salt Lake, Sanpete, Summit, Uintah, Utah, and Wasatch. CUWCD is primarily a wholesaler of water to other cities and agencies, and has the responsibility to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain water facilities; administer the sale and delivery of water; and repay costs of the water projects. As part of our responsibilities, CUWCD manages reservoirs, dams, water treatment plants, hydropower plants, diversion systems, large diameter pipelines and aqueducts, and several tunnels.

Project Comments

We suggest that you coordinate with the Bureau of Reclamation – Provo Area Office (Reclamation), concerning the location of the proposed alignment near Starvation Reservoir in Duchesne County and Soldier Creek Dam on Strawberry Reservoir in

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Wasatch County. The proposed alignment of concern is identified as "Recommended for Elimination by Rocky Mountain Power". The proposed alignment looks as though it could be located on federal lands reserved strictly for reservoir operations on the north side of Starvation Reservoir and on the south side of Strawberry Reservoir, below the Soldier Creek Dam. Both reservoirs are Reclamation-owned facilities, and agreements would need to be entered into in order to construct a transmission line within those properties.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please contact me at 801-226-7147 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Comment Form**

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If you wish to submit comments, please feel free to use this form or other correspondence and hand it in at a public scoping meeting or mail it to the following address.

c/o
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To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Follow EXISTING UTILITY Corridors
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OTHER ACCEPTABLE ROUTE 109 to 110 to 115 to 112
to 119 or 113
Routes 111 & 370 ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE to many
issues & impacts including cross-section 3rd impaired streams
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TO MUCH IMPACT TO PRIVATE LANDS - Many meadows
Impacts to Riparian obligate wildlife species along
Little Snake River

Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

Please Note:

Comments are due by June 30, 2011

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made 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.

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an
Environmental Impact Statement and
Possible Land Use Plan Amendments
Proposed Energy Gateway South
500-Kilovolt (kV) Alternating Current
Transmission Line Project in
Wyoming, Colorado and Utah

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Dear Ms. Gertsch:

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has reviewed the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Possible Land Use Plan Amendments for the Proposed Energy Gateway South 500-Kilovolt (kV) Alternating Current Transmission Line Project in Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

Not only can large scale projects directly affect wildlife and their habitats, but so to can the work forces employed to construct and maintain these facilities. As such, we recommend the following to account for potential impacts associated with large work forces and/or "man camps".

- "Man camps" should be fenced to exclude livestock and wildlife.
- To deter construction workers from "squatting" on public and private lands, the proponents should provide and maintain RV parking space and associated facilities.

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- An Environmental Awareness Training Program informing employees about trespass laws, current laws regarding use of public land, and Game and Fish regulations should be implemented.
- We recommend mandatory reprimand or dismissal for employees convicted of poaching or harassing wildlife while employed by the company, its contractors, or subcontractors.
- Guns should be prohibited on any job site, and guns at construction camps should be signed-in and kept in gun lockers.
- Dogs (excluding service dogs) should be strictly prohibited on any job site and adequately secured at man camps or other associated facilities.
- Depending upon location, housing of crews at construction sites may be incompatible with wildlife. We also recommend bussing crews to the work site, to reduce overall vehicular traffic.

Terrestrial Considerations:

We support construction of the proposed project in sage grouse core areas only that follow the designated transmission corridor that was established in the Governor's Sage Grouse Executive Order. This design should consolidate transmission line development and minimize the overall population level impacts to sage grouse. Additionally, seasonal sage grouse stipulations for development activities should be incorporated as appropriate across the project area.

We support the route described as the "Dad Route" primarily, and if necessary the "Underground Utility Corridor", both of which are located just west of HWY 789, to move the transmission line south into Colorado. We believe these routes can be built in a manner that could minimize impacts to wildlife, as well as to the public. Additionally, these routes would allow for construction along a route in Colorado that would be to the west of some of their most significant sage grouse habitat. We do not support any of the routes recommended for elimination by BLM, which include the originally proposed route following a southwesterly corridor from Aeolus to the Colorado State Line, the southern corridor that parallels I-80, the HWY 789 corridor through Baggs, or the corridor that would follow just east of Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

This proposed powerline would bisect the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Red Rim/Daley Wildlife Habitat Management Unit (WHMA). It would follow an existing powerline but add a larger hazard to aerial surveys that are commonly flown over that area, particularly for winter pronghorn and elk counts. Powerline markers should be installed as safety mitigation on this segment of the project. Where the project crosses this WHMA and the associated crucial pronghorn winter range the WHMA is managed to protect and enhance. Prompt reclamation should be a required mitigation, as well as long-term monitoring and treatment of any noxious

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weed infestations that may occur as a result of the project. Butch Parks, WGFD Lands Supervisor (307-777-4596), should be contacted well in advance of any planned construction activities on this WHMA to obtain appropriate permissions and coordinate any necessary mitigation.

All disturbed areas should be reclaimed as quickly as possible after construction. Additionally, pre-construction and post-construction mapping and treatment of noxious and invasive weed species should be required.

The roads associated with the new transmission line will increase access opportunity into areas where deer, elk and pronghorn spend winters. Increasing access to winter range can have negative impacts on wildlife directly by increased risk of poaching and indirectly by increased stress levels in relation to increased human presence. Poaching can be a large risk especially on winter range before animals drop their antlers/horns because typically animals are more likely to be in large groups and are in areas with less cover, making animals more easily seen. A study conducted by Millsbaugh et al. 2001 (Wildlife Society Bulletin 29:899-907) on elk in the Black Hills showed an increase in stress levels with increased traffic and human use. Increased stress to these animals during the most difficult time of the year may increase risk of winter kill or cause animals to move to a poorer quality habitat ending in an increased risk of winter kill. Both of these factors could have negative impacts on all herds using winter range in these areas.

Avoidance of structures associated with human visits has been well documented (Sawyer et al. 2009) and decreases the amount of habitat available to mule deer and possibly other wintering species. The location of the series composition station is critical and should be located outside of current crucial winter range designations and in an area that will not create new access roads. In addition to possible loss of habitat, the same issues related to poaching and increased stress levels may occur if the structure is located within or creates new roads within the crucial winter range.

We recommend that construction activities not take place November 15 – April 30 in big game crucial winter ranges to minimize impacts to wintering wildlife. The EIS should evaluate expected losses of these important habitats, and identify strategies to reclaim lost habitats as quickly as feasible. Additionally, there should be substantial road closure mechanisms that go beyond “No Travel” signs. We recommend physical structures that make it very difficult for vehicular travel to occur on roads, but still allow for safe movement of wildlife.

The EIS should evaluate these impacts, in conjunction with expected impacts from other major construction and energy projects in the area such as the Chokecherry wind farm, coal gasification projects, other major powerlines, the Atlantic Rim coalbed natural gas project, the expanded Creston/Continental Divide gas project, etc.

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Aquatic Considerations:

Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) is a priority to the Wyoming Game and Fish, and in many cases, the intentional or unintentional spread of organisms from one body of water to another would be considered a violation of Commission Regulations. To prevent the spread of AIS, we recommend the following:

- When work will occur in or near water, all equipment must be decontaminated. Decontamination should first occur before arrival at a project site, so AIS are not transferred from the last visited area. Decontamination should again occur before leaving a project site, so AIS are not transferred to the next site.
- Decontamination may consist if either:
 - 1) Drain all water from equipment and compartments, Clean equipment of all mud, plants, debris, or animals, and Dry equipment for 5 days in summer (June, July & August); 18 days in Spring (March, April & May) and Fall (September, October & November); or 3 days in Winter (December, January & February) when temperatures are at or below freezing,

or

- 2) Use a high pressure (3000 psi) hot water (140°F) pressure washer to thoroughly wash equipment and flush all compartments that may hold water.

To minimize impacts to the aquatic resources we recommend the following:

- Accepted best management practices should be implemented to ensure that all sediments and other pollutants are contained within the boundaries of the work area. Disturbed areas that are contributing sediment to surface waters as a result of project activities should be promptly re-vegetated to maintain water quality.
- To adequately protect aquatic resources in this watershed, a buffer strip at least 300 feet wide on each side of streams and water courses should be left undisturbed where healthy riparian vegetation is present. The purpose of this buffer strip is to minimize loss of fish habitat associated with stream bank vegetation and to reduce the possibility of increased sedimentation to aquatic habitats.
- Any riparian canopy or bank stabilizing vegetation removed as a result of construction activities should be reintroduced and protected from grazing until well established (typically rested for a minimum of two grazing seasons).

- Equipment should be serviced and fueled away from streams and riparian areas. Equipment staging areas should be at least 300 feet from riparian areas.

Herptile Considerations:

It is recommended that general wind energy development amphibian and reptile protocols be followed. However, the following are points that should be considered for this proposed project.

- The proposed far western route would go through Midget Faded Rattlesnake Range. If this route is chosen it is recommended that species specific surveys are conducted for the Midget Faded Rattlesnake, Great Basin Gophersnake, and Northern Tree Lizard. Survey protocols for these species are described below. It is recommended that surveys for these species be conducted along the proposed route from Hwy 430 to the Utah border.
- The proposed far eastern route would go through possible Smooth Greensnake habitat. Species specific surveys will be difficult for this cryptic species, so are not recommended. However, it is recommended that this species be considered in the planning stage, and that any incidental encounters are reported.
- Most proposed routes occur within the range of the Great Basin Spadefoot. Spadefoot breeding habitat should be avoided. This would include playas, seeps, springs, wetlands, and flooded riparian zones. A 500m buffer is suggested for breeding habitat. If this buffer is avoided, it is recommended that species specific surveys are conducted. This would include auditory amphibian surveys and visual encounter surveys for all amphibian life stages. Surveys could be limited to .75 miles area surrounding transmission and affected breeding habitat. If breeding habitat is avoided, it is requested that any incidental spadefoot observations be reported.
- Proposed routes would go through the Northern Leopard Frog range. It is requested that breeding habitat be avoided (see above), and that incidental observations be reported.
- Proposed routes surrounding Baggs would likely impact Prairie Rattlesnake populations. It is requested that rock outcrops be avoided when possible to limit potential destruction of reptile hibernacula. It is also requested that developers speak with employees about limiting intentional take of snakes.

Midget Faded Rattlesnake, Great Basin Gophersnake, and Northern Tree Lizard Survey Protocol

Design of Survey

1. We recommend that before a survey is done, that the survey team spend a day with Wyoming Game and Fish personnel to ensure that the survey method is being used correctly. We recommend that you contact Zack Walker, WGFD Herpetologist (307-473-3406), for further coordination.
2. Delineate rock outcroppings with a Southern aspect (SE, S, SW or 120°- 240°) using aerial photography, Google Earth, or other available GIS data layers within the proposed project area. Any rock outcropping above 7,500 feet or with a Northern aspect may be excluded from the survey design. Although hibernacula for these species are historically observed below 7,000 feet, it would be prudent to search slightly higher elevations to ensure the absence of midget faded rattlesnake, Great Basin gophersnake, or northern tree lizard populations. The proposed elevation would help prevent the possible exclusion of males migrating away from hibernacula during summer months, or other fringe hibernacula.
3. A total of three surveys should be performed from late spring through early fall (mid May through mid September) on delineated rock outcroppings. Surveys can only be performed when daytime temperatures exceed 55°F for a week or more. At least two surveys should be conducted between July 15th and September 15th. Surveys may be performed in spring and fall months at any time during the day. However, during summer months when daytime temperatures exceed 85°F, surveys should be limited to morning and early afternoon time periods (8:30AM to 1:00PM).
4. Each delineated rock outcropping should be surveyed for a total of 1 man-hour per km² of suitable habitat (i.e. One person should survey suitable habitat for 1 hour, while two people could survey the same area for 30 minutes). Surveys for midget faded rattlesnakes; it is recommended that surveyors wear protective gear or clothing while conducting surveys to maintain safety. This could include any one of the following items: snake boots, snake gaiters, or snake chaps. When climbing rocks, surveyors should also verify that all handholds are in snake free locations. Observers should listen closely for snakes rattling while conducting the survey. Some snakes will not be easily observable, and may give their locations away by this behavior. Effort should be made to avoid flipping rocks. This activity could alter reptile habitat. Surveyors are recommended to inspect crevices, fissures, and overhangs within rock outcrops. All herpetofauna found during the course of a survey should be noted on observational datasheets and photographed.

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Upon observation of a reptile or identifiable shed skin, the surveyor should fill out the correct datasheet and collect a photo voucher of the specimen. A GPS point (UTM NAD 83 zone12) should be taken at the observed location. Effort should be made to not disturb the observed reptile.

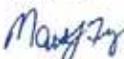
Non-Game Considerations:

We recommend actions that would minimize impacts to Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) that are dependent on or associated with white-tailed prairie dog. Specifically, care should be taken to avoid direct disturbance to existing prairie dog colonies whenever possible. Avoidance of large colonies is especially important. Not all colonies will be avoidable. Temporal shift in activity to avoid breeding season is acceptable. Examples of SGCNs associated with prairie dog colonies are Ferruginous Hawk, Swift Fox, Burrowing Owl, Mountain Plover, Tiger Salamander, Prairie Rattlesnake.

In areas where Swift Fox have the potential to occur, (i.e., areas with < 10% slope east of Sweetwater County) minimize disturbance to breeding pairs. Temporal shift in activity to avoid breeding season is preferred, specifically avoid activities between May and September. If activities cannot be avoided conduct spotlight surveys to ensure that dens do not occur within the ROW.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Matt Fry, Staff Biologist, at 307-777-4510.

Sincerely,



For John Emmerich
 Deputy Director

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RE: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project Scoping Comments

Dear Ms. Gertsch:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Energy Gateway South Transmission Project. The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) has a statutory responsibility to manage all wildlife species in Colorado. As such, we encourage this project to afford the highest protection for Colorado's wildlife species and habitats in the development of this project.

Northwest Colorado contains unique and, in many cases, irreplaceable habitats for a host of wildlife species. The routes proposed within Northwest Colorado intersect high value wildlife habitat for numerous species, including Greater sage-grouse, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, raptors, mule deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, white-tailed prairie dogs, native and endangered fish species, and black-footed ferret reintroduction sites. Other species of concern that could be impacted by one or more route segments include, but are not limited to, great blue herons, greater sandhill cranes, kit fox, burrowing owl, and a variety of aquatic species. All significant wildlife impacts should be assessed in the environmental impact statement (EIS). Wildlife species and habitat map data and shape files can be obtained from the CDOW website through the following link: <http://ndis.nrel.colostate.edu/wildlife.asp> or by contacting CDOW directly.

The Energy Gateway South Transmission Project has the potential to impact wildlife by the alteration, fragmentation, loss and degradation of habitat. Other concerns include invasive weed establishment, the impairment of wildlife movements, and increased road access from this project. Impacts on wildlife from these activities should be considered in the EIS. The economic impacts from any anticipated loss of wildlife, hunting and fishing opportunity, and recreation and tourism on state agencies and local communities should be reviewed in the EIS.

Several of the proposed Energy Gateway South Transmission Project routes traverse or are in close proximity to CDOW managed properties such as Little Snake, Bitter Brush, Rio Blanco Lake, and Piceance Creek State Wildlife Areas. CDOW is concerned that the Energy Gateway

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South Transmission Project may not be compatible with the purpose and management of these properties and suggests routes avoid construction within these areas to the maximum extent possible.

General recommendations for development in sensitive wildlife habitats include:

- Avoid construction within sensitive wildlife habitats during the species specific sensitive time periods.
- Transmission lines should follow breaks in vegetation and topography and not be constructed on ridge tops to the maximum extent possible.
- Monopole tubular steel structures are preferred over guyed steel lattice and self supporting steel lattice structures. Structures other than monopoles expand the amount of surface disturbance, have high avian collision risks, and/or provide more opportunities for predatory bird perching and nest building.
- Mark all guy wires and transmission lines to minimize collision hazards.
- Minimize the size, number and access of new roads.
- Minimize the amount of sagebrush and other shrubs that are cleared for the right-of-way and lay down yards.
- Implement stormwater management best management practices to eliminate erosion and sedimentation of water courses, riparian areas and wetlands.
- Limit weed spraying near water courses, riparian areas and wetlands to protect these areas from toxic effects of herbicides.
- Implement rapid and effective reclamation practices to re-establish native vegetation beneficial for wildlife.
- Provide mitigation for impacts that cannot be avoided.

Species Specific Concerns and Recommendations

Greater sage-grouse

Preservation of Greater sage-grouse core areas is a high priority to the CDOW. Core areas include the highest quality habitat and the greatest density of Greater sage-grouse found in Colorado. It is CDOW’s foremost recommendation that disturbance within these core areas be avoided to the maximum extent possible. Impacts to Greater sage-grouse from elevated structures, collision hazards, and habitat fragmentation could adversely impact this population. Available evidence indicates that sage-grouse are highly sensitive to even low-intensity disturbance associated with energy development. This is particularly an issue associated with leks and breeding/nesting areas but also occurs on winter range. Elevated structures provide nest sites and perches for magpies and ravens that are known to prey on nests, and present increased opportunities for raptors to prey on sage-grouse. An assessment of sage clearing and removal on the long-term habitat of Greater sage-grouse should be provided in the EIS. Additional recommendations and strategies can be found within the [Colorado Greater Sage-grouse Conservation Plan](#), specifically in the Strategy Section and Appendix B: Greater Sage-grouse Disturbance Guidelines (2008).

Recommendations for development in Greater sage-grouse range include:

- NSO within 0.6 miles of any sage-grouse lek.
- No development or construction activity within winter range from 1 December to 15 March.
- No development or construction activity during the nesting period of 1 March through 30 June within 4 miles of any lek.
- Operation and maintenance activities near leks should not occur between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. during breeding season (1 March to 15 May) to prevent disturbance to birds on leks.
- No development in core areas.

Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse

Columbian sharp-tailed grouse are designated as a species of “State Special Concern” in Colorado. Several of the proposed transmission routes are in proximity to Columbian sharp-tailed grouse leks and production areas.

Recommendations for development in Columbian sharp-tailed range include:

- NSO within 0.4 miles of any lek.
- No development or construction activity within winter range from 1 December to 15 March.
- No development or construction activity during the nesting period of 1 March through 30 June within 1.25 miles of any lek.
- Operation and maintenance activities should not be conducted near leks between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. during breeding season (15 March to 30 July) to prevent disturbance to birds on leks.

Big Game

Northwest Colorado provides habitat for North America’s largest migratory mule deer herd and a large and economically important elk population of national significance. Big game species are valuable from both economic and recreational standpoints. Big game species and habitats that could be impacted by the proposed routes include mule deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep. All of the routes traverse through or close by sensitive habitats for one or more of the above listed species. Sensitive habitats for these species include winter ranges and winter concentration areas, production areas, and migration corridors (especially along Highway 13). Impacts to wildlife movement and habitat use patterns are of great concern to CDOW. Heavy hunter use throughout northwestern Colorado in October, November, and December suggests the ideal construction period for this project would occur between mid-July and the end of September. The EIS should carefully evaluate the effect of this project on big game in the context of the cumulative effects of other energy development ongoing in the region.

Recommendations for development in big game range include:

- Avoidance of surface disturbance and construction activities on elk, mule deer and pronghorn antelope winter ranges from 1 January to 15 April.
- Avoidance of surface disturbance to and construction activities on bighorn sheep winter range from 1 November to 15 April.
- Avoidance of surface disturbance to and construction activities on elk and mule deer production areas from 15 May to 15 June.
- NSO within Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep production areas.
- Identify critical vegetative cover types and adjust development sites to avoid these areas.

Raptors

Impacts to raptor nests, foraging areas, and winter ranges for those species of raptors that winter in Colorado should be minimized to the maximum extent possible. Owl, eagle, hawk, and falcon species may be affected by transmission line construction and maintenance activities. Raptor nest sites should be avoided wherever possible. In addition, raptor perch deterrents should be installed where needed to reduce the likelihood of raptor electrocution and to minimize conditions which could increase Greater sage-grouse or black-footed ferret predation.

Recommendations for development near raptor habitat include:

- Consult with and implement CDOW recommendations regarding raptor protection measures including seasonal timing restrictions and recommended buffer zones.
- Avoid disturbance of raptor nesting habitat during the breeding season (variable by species-January 1 to July 15).
- Avoid impacts to raptor roost sites during the wintering period (variable by species-November 15 to April 1).

White-Tailed Prairie Dogs

Several proposed route segments of the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project cross white-tailed prairie dog towns. Prairie dog habitat also provides habitat for other connected species such as burrowing owls and black-footed ferrets. Possible direct adverse impacts to prairie dogs associated with transmission line development include (1) clearing and crushing of vegetation; (2) reduction in available habitat due to construction and road development; (3) fragmentation of available habitat; (4) displacement and killing of animals; (5) alteration of surface water drainage; and (6) increased compaction of soils.

Indirect effects of energy development on prairie dogs and their ecosystem include (1) increased exposure to shooters and OHV users because of improved access into remote areas; (2) invasion of habitat by invasive and noxious weeds; (3) behavior alteration; (4) providing additional raptor perches; and (5) effects on associated species. Shooting pressure is likely to increase following transmission line construction due to easier road access, as compared to more remote colonies.

Recommendations for transmission line development in white-tailed prairie dog range include:

- Avoid construction in or adjacent to prairie dog colonies wherever possible.
- Minimize current and future habitat loss and degradation using temporal and spatial planning; consider connectivity between prairie dog colonies when planning transmission line routes.
- Develop potential mitigation measures (e.g. speed limits, seasonal road closures) to improve habitat connectivity and reduce prairie dog mortality.
- Minimize impacts by adjusting size, location, and transmission line construction based on topographic features and prairie dog colony locations.
- Ensure rapid interim reclamation and re-vegetation with native weed-free seed.
- Maintain reclaimed areas as weed-free.
- Avoid constructing transmission lines within "Management Emphasis Areas" described in the Colorado Gunnison's and White-tailed Prairie Dog Conservation Strategy (July 2010).
- Where construction activities must occur within active prairie dog colonies, avoid activities during the period from 1 March to 30 June.
- Close or gate construction and maintenance roads to limit access where possible.

Black-Footed Ferret

The black-footed ferret is considered the rarest mammal in North America and is listed by the USFWS under the ESA and the State of Colorado as an endangered species. Colorado is one of several states involved with the recovery of black-footed ferrets. Proposed routes appear to traverse through or near the Wolf Creek and Coyote Basin black-footed ferret reintroduction areas. While these populations of black-footed ferrets are designated as a non-essential, experimental populations, negative impacts on ferrets and their habitat should be minimized. Black-footed ferrets have been demonstrated to be quite prone to avian predation.

Recommendations for development in black-footed ferret reintroduction areas include:

- Avoid prairie dog colonies that have documented black-footed ferret sightings.
- Install raptor perch deterrents as needed to minimize the potential for predation of ferrets from the transmission line structures.
- Limit development of new roads within reintroduction areas.
- Limit speed limits on access roads to 25 mph from dusk to dawn.
- Close and/or limit access on any new roads in black-footed ferret habitat.

Kit Fox

The kit fox is designated as State endangered in Colorado and is considered one of the State's most vulnerable mammals. Probably never very common in the State, a survey completed in the mid-1990's estimated a population of less than 100 individuals. Kit fox have been documented in the vicinity of transmission line route segment C 270 and C 196 in Mesa and Garfield Counties.

Recommendations for development in kit fox habitat include:

- Pre-development surveys should be completed along route alignments.
- No development activity within ¼ mile of den sites between 1 February and 1 May.
- Limit or restrict artificial water sources within kit fox overall range to prevent the spread of competitive predators into kit fox habitat.

Burrowing Owl

The burrowing owl is listed as threatened in Colorado. In Colorado, burrowing owls are a migratory species, and can be found almost anywhere there are prairie dog burrows from late March or early April through October. During winter, Colorado burrowing owls migrate to Mexico and Central America.

Recommendations for development in burrowing owl habitat include:

- Adhere to recommended survey protocol and actions to protect nesting burrowing owls (e.g. survey active and inactive prairie dog colonies for presence of burrowing owls when construction will occur between March 1 and October 31).
- Conduct surface disturbances within 300 feet of any active burrowing owl nest site outside the period between March 1 and August 15.

Native Fish Species, Riparian Areas and Aquatic Resources

The proposed transmission line routes cross several large rivers including the Yampa, Little Snake and White Rivers and numerous smaller streams and drainages though Northwest Colorado. The major river systems contain river otter habitat as well as fish species and other aquatic resources. All riparian areas and wetlands provide extremely important habitat for the flora and fauna of the area which depend on these areas for water, food and shelter. The rivers and streams provide habitat for numerous native aquatic fish species designated as endangered, threatened, or State species of concern. In addition, many fish species have a high recreation and economic value to local communities.

Specific native aquatic species of concern in these waters include the following:

- Colorado pikeminnow – State endangered, Federal endangered
- Razorback sucker – State endangered, Federal endangered
- Colorado roundtail chub - State Special Concern
- Flannelmouth sucker
- Bluehead sucker
- Other natives include sculpin and speckled dace.
- Colorado River cutthroat trout – State Special Concern
- River otter – State threatened

Stream channel disturbances should be avoided during fish spawning seasons. Eggs incubating in the redds can be smothered by the excessive deposition of sediment, and further affected by fungal spores carried in the sediment. Adults can be affected by the same fungal species with

high mortality rates. Fish spawning dates and incubation times vary by elevation and temperatures, but in general the following intervals will apply in Colorado:

- Rainbow trout: March 1 - June 30
- Brown trout: October 1 – May 1
- Brook trout: August 1 – May 1
- Cutthroat trout: May 1 – September 1
- Bluehead sucker: May 1 – July 31
- Flannelmouth sucker: March 15 – July 1
- Roundtail chub: May 1 – July 15
- Sculpin: June 1 – July 31
- Speckled dace: May 1 – July 31

Construction activities in and around stream, wetland and riparian areas can result in direct habitat loss and impact ecological functions. Avoiding the placement of staging areas and the development of roads within 300 feet of the riparian zones associated with perennial and ephemeral waterways and wetland habitats can help protect aquatic resources. When avoidance is not possible, road access to waterways and riparian and wetland habitats should be limited to the maximum extent possible.

Recommendations for development within aquatic habitats include:

- A priority concern during the construction and maintenance of the project should be to minimize sedimentation and erosion, especially for drainages and washes that drain directly into the Little Snake, Yampa, and White Rivers.
- All drainage and riparian area surface disturbances should be re-vegetated promptly with locally adapted native species preferred by wildlife.
- Maintenance actions should avoid low water crossings of all waterways and wetland habitats.
- The CDOW requests notification of all hazardous materials spills, especially those that occur near a riparian area.
- Construction or staging areas should be located out of the 100 year flood plain of the Little Snake, Yampa and White Rivers.
- Construct any necessary stream crossings “in the dry.”
- Avoid impacts to aquatic species during spawning and hatching periods.
- Control weeds along riparian corridors and manage livestock access to stream crossings to maintain riparian corridor health.
- Disinfect heavy equipment, hand tools, boots and any other equipment that was previously used in any river, stream, lake, pond, or wetland prior to moving the equipment to another water body. The disinfection practice should follow this outline:
 - a. Remove all mud and debris from equipment and spray/soak equipment with a 1:15 solution of disinfection solution containing the following ingredients:
 1. Dialkyl dimethyl ammonium chloride, 5-10% by weight;
 2. Alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride, 5-10% by weight;
 3. Nonyl phenol ethoxylate, 5-10% by weight;
 4. Sodium sesquicarbonate, 1-5%;

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- 5. Ethyl alcohol, 1-5%; and
 - 6. Tetrasodium ethylene diaminetetraacetate, 1-5%;
 - 7. and water, keeping the equipment moist for at least 10 minutes and managing rinse as a solid waste in accordance with local, county, state, or federal regulations; or
- b. Spray/soak equipment with water greater than 140 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 10 minutes.

CDOW Route Priorities to Minimize Wildlife Impacts:

- 1. To minimize the significant wildlife impacts to Northwest Colorado, CDOW's first preference would be to utilize the Wyoming route segments (W 453, W 126 and W 127).
- 2. CDOW's second preference to minimize wildlife impacts would be to follow Hwy. 13 south (C 13) from the Wyoming border to Hwy. 40 west (C106, C175, C186, C 187). This alignment is already heavily impacted by the existing highways.
- 3. CDOW's next preference would be the Seven Mile Ridge alignment (C 31, C 61) to Hwy. 40 west (C106, C175, C186). If this alignment is considered, it would be preferable that the transmission line be located below the top of the ridge.
- 4. Lastly, the proposed southern route south of Rangely along the Utah-Colorado border (C 195, C 196, C 270) is less desirable than the routes above largely because of disturbance to elk winter concentration areas and mule deer critical winter range. This route could also impact numerous raptor nest sites, white-tailed prairie dog colonies, burrowing owl habitat, kit fox habitat, and a pronghorn antelope winter concentration area in the lower segments of this alignment (C 196, C 270). This alignment would add considerable length to the entire transmission line project.

CDOW Recommends Elimination of the Following Routes:

- 1. CDOW concurs with the BLM that Energy Gateway South proposed routes C50, C51, and C80 in the Great Divide area be eliminated due to anticipated impacts to wildlife habitats, Greater sage-grouse core areas, and state lands.
- 2. CDOW concurs with the BLM that Energy Gateway South proposed route C45 be eliminated due to anticipated impacts to wildlife, including Greater sage-grouse core areas.

The Energy Gateway South Transmission Project will traverse many sensitive habitats across Northwest Colorado. The geographical scale and extent of the project make it impossible to avoid all sensitive habitats (see attachment A). Energy development and increased human and recreational impacts are stressing wildlife in the West at an increasing rate. The cumulative impacts of this project should be reviewed in the EIS in the context of other energy development activities in the region, including the TransWest transmission line project which is currently being proposed in the same general area. CDOW encourages the design and construction of this

project be accomplished in a manner that assures minimal impacts to wildlife and the environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to work together to benefit wildlife. If you have any questions please contact Jim Komatinsky at jim.komatinsky@state.co.us or by calling 970-255-6104.

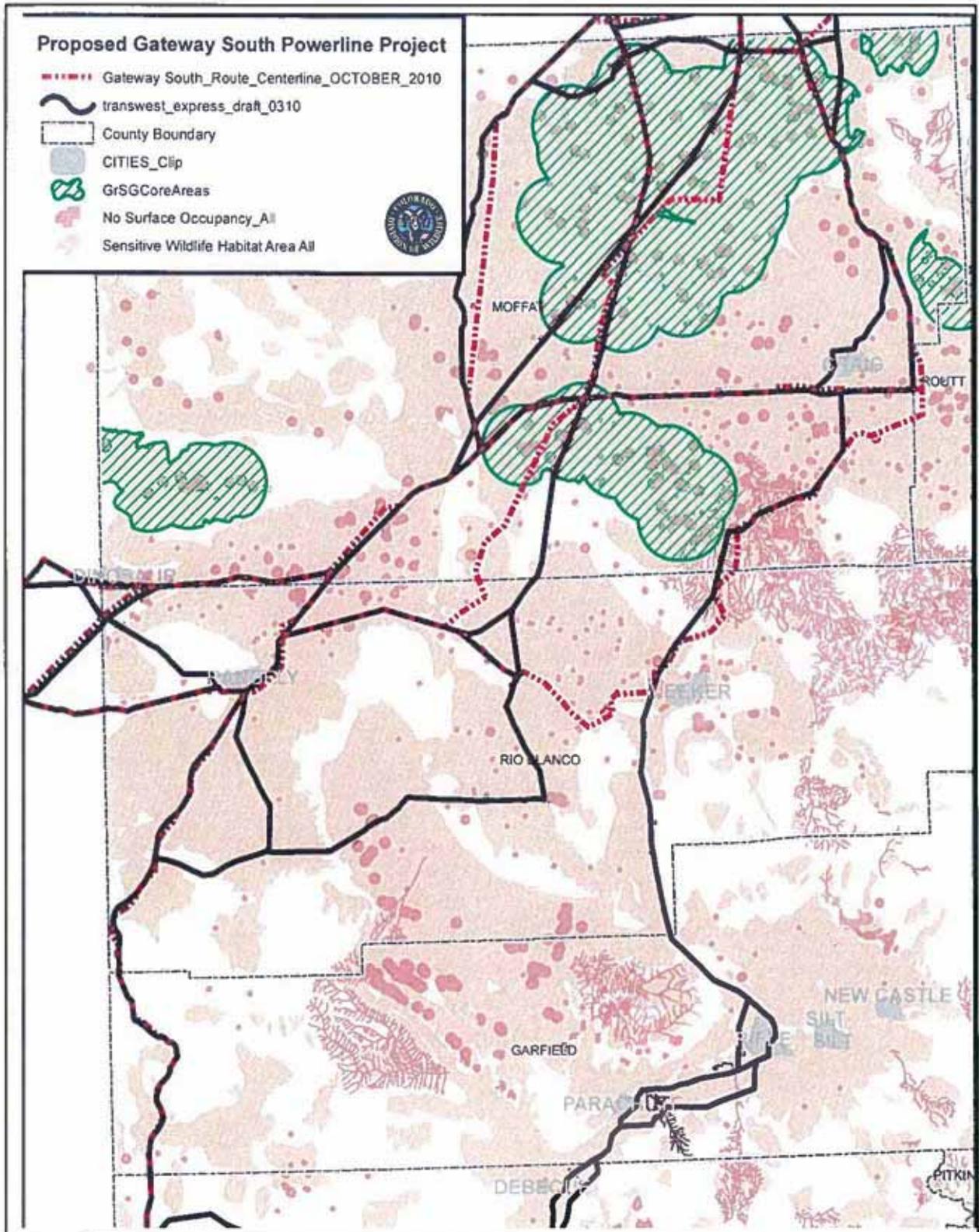
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Attachment A



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Friday, July 15, 2011

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Ms. Gertrch,

The State Land Board would like to respectfully offer the following comments regarding the alternatives being considered in Northwest Colorado associated with the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project. I apologize for the delay in submitting our comments and appreciate your consideration.

Due to the 2 mile width of the alternatives, it is difficult to be precise with our analysis. However, our analysis shows impacts on state trust land throughout the alternatives. Some impacts can be mitigated and others cannot. The alternative with the least impact to state trust land and preferred by the State Land Board is alternative 2 but further work is needed to address specific impacts of this route.

Please note crossing state trust land will require a separate right-of-way application and survey. The application would need to be approved by the Board at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The State Land Board's right-of-way requirements would be separate from the BLM EIS and will include a surety bond for reclamation for construction as well as one for the term of the right-of-way to ensure continued stewardship and reclamation if the line were to be removed. The rights-of-way contracts issued by the Board have 30 year terms and fees, considerations, and bond amounts as determined by the Board.

ALTERNATIVE NO. 1

This alternative would potentially impact eighteen parcels. The parcel west of Maybell has been designated into the Stewardship Trust. A number of parcels along this route are significantly encumbered by a major pipeline corridor and several parcels have other wildlife and plant related concerns.

The Maybell parcel's Stewardship Trust designation was based on the protection for five threatened and endangered species in the Yampa River that have spawning areas. Designation also identified critical winter habitat and spring calving areas for mule deer and elk. Crossing this parcel would require additional approval by the Board beyond the typical right-of-way. The Board would need an acceptable development plan, reclamation plan, and mitigation plan. This requirement is separate from the BLM EIS process currently underway.

The parcels encumbered by the major pipeline corridor in this alternative would also require a development plan and reclamation plan that clearly identifies how the transmission line would accommodate the existing and future expansion of that pipeline corridor. We are also concerned about impacts of the power line might have to the future reclamation the pipeline corridor.

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Parcels that have other wildlife and plant related concerns include Greater Sage Grouse leks and brood rearing habitat. If a right-of-way application is received to cross these parcels, consultation with the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife is required to determine appropriate mitigation strategies.

Some of the parcels along Highway 40 are within a Black Footed Ferret release area. These parcels could be included in all three alternatives. If a right-of-way application is received for these parcels, there will be special reclamation and mitigation requirements to accommodate this special management area.

ALTERNATIVE NO. 2

This alternative would potentially impact ten parcels including some parcels that have wildlife and plant related concerns. The significance of the impacts will depend on where within the proposed corridor the power line is located.

In the northern portion of this alternative, there are some potential wildlife issues with both Bald and Golden Eagles and Ferruginous Hawks, as well as Greater Sage Grouse. There may be mitigation options that would address these which would be determined by the State Land Board District Manager in consultation with the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife.

ALTERNATIVE NO. 3

This alternative would impact at least three large parcels and between six and thirteen other sections, depending on the selected route. The parcels impacted in this alternative are some of the highest value trust properties in Moffat County. They not only include outstanding agricultural properties and high wildlife values but have significant mineral and commercial/residential development potential.

The large parcel just south of the Wyoming line has been designated as a special sagebrush landscape management area for Greater Sage Grouse and Sharp Tail Grouse. It is also a critical corridor for elk and deer migration and serves as winter range for these species. The east side of the property is also in an identified lynx habitat area and there are some riparian areas on the property that add to its natural values.

Planned oil and gas development on the property could be impacted by the proposed power lines. The State Land Board has used this property as a model for how oil and gas development and wildlife can co-exist. If an application were received for a right-of-way across this property, there could be significant additional requirements for reclamation and mitigation.

There are similar natural values on several of the other parcels in this alternative, as well as some that include open pit and underground coal mines that could be impacted by the installation of the power lines.

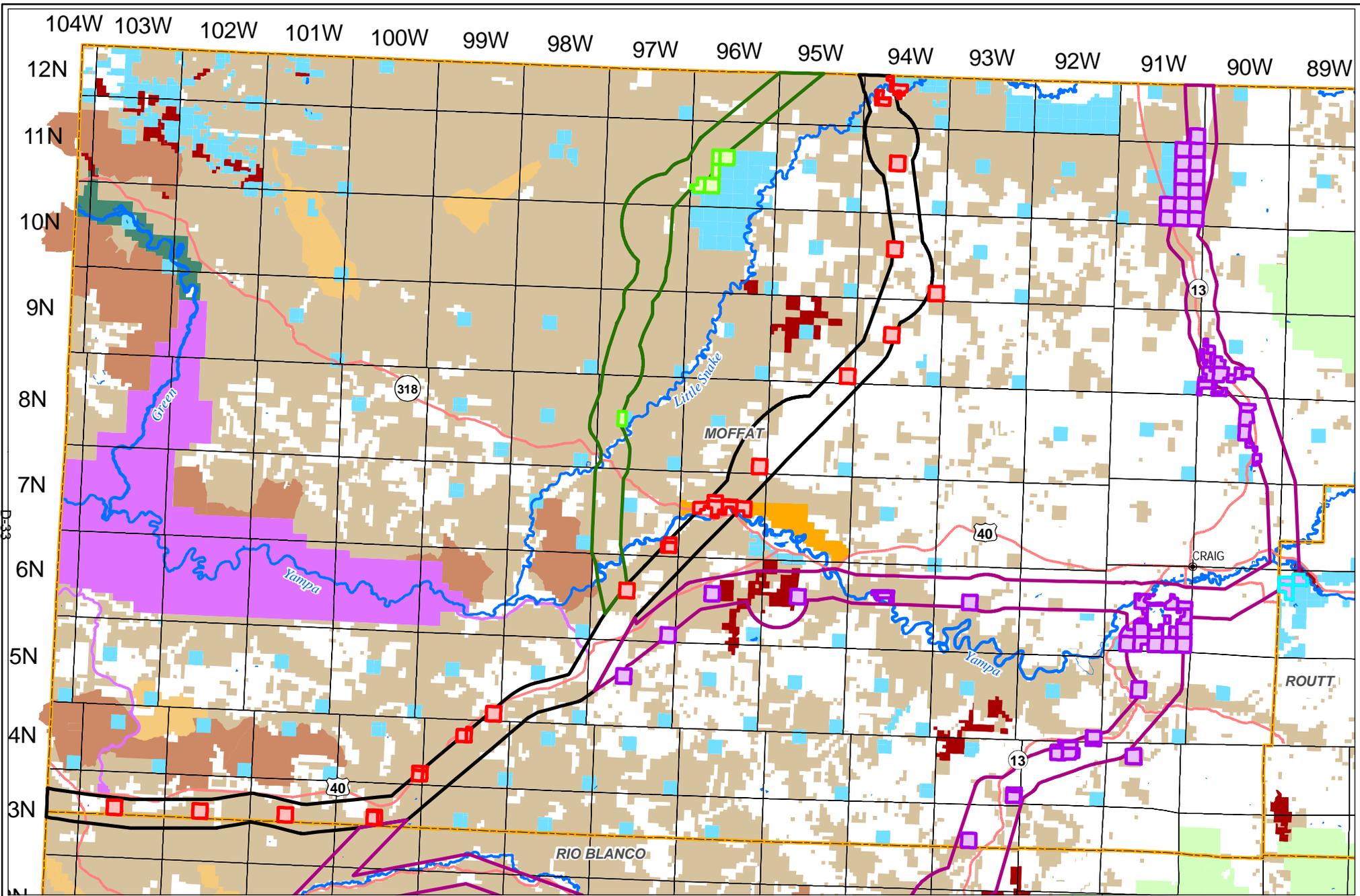
I very much appreciate the opportunity to provide you with our comments and concerns, as well as the State Land Board's preferred alternative and welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

Sincerely,

Tobin Follenweider
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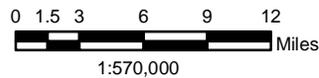
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- Designated Stewardship Trust
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- NPS
- BLM WSA
- BLM ACEC
- BLM
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- County Boundary

Transwest Energy Gateway Alternative Routes



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Submittal 16

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Dear Ms. Gertsch:

The State of Utah submitted comments on the Wells Draw Road Improvement Project by letter dated February 14, 2011. In that letter, the state noted several concerns regarding direct and indirect impacts to big game from this potential project, as well as potential mitigation for these impacts. The current draft EA does not reflect those comments, as there is little to no mitigation offered for the direct loss of crucial habitat for elk and mule deer. There is also no mitigation offered for the long term impacts to big game due to the potential increase in wildlife/vehicle road collisions from improving Wells Draw Road.

Comments of the Division of Wildlife Resources

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) has reviewed the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project and have provided the following comments.

The proposed project route in northeastern Utah roughly parallels Highway 40 from the Utah-Colorado state line to Strawberry Reservoir, crossing through Uintah, Duchesne, and Wasatch Counties. This route crosses several areas identified as crucial winter habitat for mule deer. Crucial winter habitat for mule deer is limited throughout the state and winter habitat is utilized during a time of year when animals are experiencing increased stress and decreased body conditions. Disturbances to game species on winter range results in greater energy expenditures and may force individuals into areas of poorer habitat quality. UDWR recommends no construction activities of any kind in areas identified as crucial winter habitat from December 1 to April 15.

The proposed project area is adjacent to several greater sage-grouse leks, as well as crucial wintering, nesting, and brood-rearing habitat. Leks are areas where male grouse gather each spring to display and attract a female mate. Nearby habitat can be crucial, as it is utilized for wintering, nesting, and brood-rearing. Greater sage-grouse are listed as a sensitive species by UDWR and a candidate for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act. UDWR recommends no surface occupancy of any

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kind within 0.5 mile of an active lek, and surface disturbances between 0.5 and 2 miles from active leks should be avoided where possible. Any disturbances between 0.5 and 2.0 miles of a lek are recommended to take place outside of the March 1-June 15 lekking period.

An alternative route for the transmission line has been identified in Daggett and Uintah Counties along a corridor that crosses directly over Diamond Mountain. Diamond Mountain contains numerous sage-grouse leks as well as crucial habitat for wintering, nesting, and brood-rearing. The large transmission line towers associated with this project would have a significant negative impact to Diamond Mountain's sage-grouse population. Transmission line towers provide perches for potential predators and could deter sage-grouse use of an area within site of the perch. Past projects of similar scope in northeastern Utah have had strong negative impacts on lek attendance and adjacent habitat use. UDWR does not support this alternative route as it presents the greatest potential for significant negative impacts to greater sage-grouse in the region and the state.

UDWR recommends a 4:1 mitigation ratio of acres restored to acres of habitat lost to account for indirect impacts to a specific area. Permanent habitat loss associated with roads, staging areas, tower locations, or any other part of the proposed project should be mitigated at the appropriate scale and location to help minimize impacts to the area's wildlife. UDWR staff are available to work with the project proponent to help identify appropriate mitigation for impacts to greater sage-grouse and mule deer.

If you have any questions, please call Pat Rainbolt, at our Vernal office (435) 781-5350.

Comments of the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

Portions of the Green River within Utah have been designated sovereign lands. As such, proposed transmission line crossings of the Green River as part of the above-referenced project may require PacificCorp (dba Rocky Mountain Power) to submit an application for an easement is dependent accordance with Utah Administrative Code R652-40. The requirement for an easement is dependent upon the proposed location of the crossing since not all portions of the Green River within Utah are considered sovereign lands. FFSL recommends that Rocky Mountain Power contact the Division to determine the need for an easement if a crossing of the Green River is anticipated.

If you have any questions, please call Ryan Nesbitt, Sovereign Lands Program Coordinator, FFSL, at (801) 538-5504.

The State of Utah appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal and we look forward to working with you on this and future projects. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office at the address below, or call Judy Edwards at (801) 537-9023.

Sincerely,

John Harja
Director

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Leo Chapman, Member



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April 26, 2011

Bureau of Land Management
Gateway South Transmission Project
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RE: Gateway South Transmission Project

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Carbon County, Wyoming, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed Gateway South Transmission Project. As you may be aware, the Carbon County Commissioners are statutorily tasked with the promotion and protection of the public health, safety and general welfare of our citizens. In light of this duty, while we welcome this project we would ask that any permitting or right-of-way granted for the Gateway South Transmission Project be done with minimal adverse impact on Carbon County's populace.

Carbon County has been at the forefront of wind energy development in the State of Wyoming. The Carbon County Commissioners are wholly supportive of wind energy development and understand the necessity of transmission projects to carry the energy captured to appropriate markets. With that being said, we would ask that the Gateway South Transmission Project be routed in such a way as to avoid affecting private property rights wherever possible. We would request that population areas be specifically avoided, and would further ask that this include unincorporated areas, such as Ft. Steele, in addition to recognized incorporated areas, such as Rawlins and Baggs.

While we recognize that some private property owners may welcome transmission lines on their property, many others may not. We would therefore ask that condemnation actions be avoided and settlement reached with affected landowners whenever this can be reasonably accomplished. We would further request that the project be reviewed, and that whatever steps are necessary be taken to protect all cultural and historic sites. This

review should include archeological sites, both prehistoric and Native American, as well as sites such as the historic Town of Carbon. These sites are common throughout Carbon County and are vitally important to our citizens. Steps should also be undertaken to locate the transmission lines sufficiently distant from our roads and highways, wherever possible, to minimize the visual impact for our citizens and visitors.

I would like to thank you for allowing us this opportunity to comment on the proposed Gateway South Transmission Project. We in Carbon County look forward to working closely with the project developers as this project progresses. If you would like to discuss our concerns regarding this project in more detail, I can be contacted at the address and phone number on this letterhead.

Very truly yours,

Terry Weickum
Chairman, Carbon County Commissioners

cc: County Clerk
Rocky Mountain Power



May 12, 2011

BLM Wyoming State Office
Attn: Gateway South Project
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82001

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Carbon County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, we support the Gateway South Project. This project will provide the needed transmission infrastructure and capacity necessary to reliably deliver about 500 kilovolts of electric power generated from Wyoming to Utah.

The Gateway South project will broaden consumers access to domestic, clean, renewable energy sources, contribute to meeting national, regional and state energy and environmental policies, meet increasing customer demand with improved electrical system reliability, provide increased access to the grid for third-party transmission users and expand regional economic development through increased employment and enlargement of the property tax base by paying property taxes in every county the transmission line crosses. The goal is to develop a route that best balances the dozens of impacts and factors that must be taken into consideration for a project of this size such as housing and other already-developed areas, critical wildlife habitat, public input, costs, and existing utility corridors. The Fort Steele area and north of Rawlins would be areas to avoid though.

Our Economic Development Corporation believes that the Gateway South benefits Carbon County and is necessary to ensure sufficient capacity that would be available to meet the needs of Rocky Mountain Power's new and existing customers. This transmission project will increase capacity and service reliability for customers in the region.

We hope you will look favorably on the Gateway South Project.

Sincerely,

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Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
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RE: Comments on proposed alternate routes

To Whom it May Concern:

Emery County is a cooperating agency on this project and appreciates the opportunity to participate in the planning process and provide comments in scoping.

We are supportive of the project and believe the alternative routes proposed in Emery County are reasonable alternatives. However, the planning team should be made aware that Blue Castle Holdings, Inc. (BCH) is focused on enabling the construction and operation of a two-unit nuclear plant near Green River, Utah. Alternative U490 is more attractive because of this project.

One other positive aspect of having the lines in Emery County is related to the other opportunities it creates in terms of energy generation, both traditional and renewable.

Emery County does have concerns with route U630, where it crosses Forest Service land west of Huntington City. The forest service land provides the watershed for our citizens and communities. We need to protect our water resources. Should U630 be selected and implemented, any potential impacts to watershed need to be evaluated, eliminated or mitigated satisfactorily.

Sincerely,

EMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Horrocks, Chairman

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Submittal 20

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(See attached file: June 9, '11 Scoping Comment.doc)

June 9, 2011

Emery County Public Lands Department appreciates the opportunity to participate in the planning process for the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project as a cooperating agency, and to provide comments in scoping.

Emery County is supportive of the project generally and believe the alternative routes proposed in Emery County are reasonable alternatives. The planning team should be aware Blue Castle Holdings Inc. (BCH) is focused on enabling the construction and operation of a two-unit nuclear power plant near Green River, Utah. This first project has been designated as the Blue Castle Project. The complete Federal licensing and State planning of a site for deploying a new nuclear power production facility is being conducted to provide predictable, cost competitive new base load electric power generation and to reduce developmental risk for electric utilities. Alternative U490 is more attractive because of this project.

One other positive aspect of having the lines in Emery County is related to the other opportunities it creates in terms of energy generation, both traditional and renewable.

Emery County does have concerns with route U630, where it crossed Forest Service land west of Huntington. These forest lands are the watershed for our communities, and watershed health is the most critical issue of management of these public lands. Should U630 be selected and implemented, any potential impacts to watershed need to be evaluated, eliminated or mitigated satisfactorily.

Sincerely,

Ray D. Petersen
Emery County Public Lands Administrator
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Submittal 21

Subject: Forwarded from Gateway South Mailbox

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Tamara,

I support the Gateway South project from Medicine Bow to Mona, Ut. In choosing a route through Sanpete County, Utah, Please take every precaution to protect the environment, landscape, and the Scenic Beauty of our rural communities. I support the project as long as it doesn't create an unnecessary eyesore for the County.

--
 Kevin Christensen
 Sanpete County
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Submittal 22

**ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION PROJECT
 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
 Comment Form**

If you wish to submit comments, please feel free to use this form or other correspondence and hand it in at a public scoping meeting or mail it to the following address.

c/o
 Attn: Tamara Gertsch
 Bureau of Land Management
 BLM Wyoming State Office
 P.O. Box 21150
 Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Please Print Clearly

Name: Dave Watson Date: 5/17/2011
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 Mailing Address: 324 Clay Avenue City: Craig State: CO Zip: 81625
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Main thing I'd like to see is coming into Moffat County, C31 and C61, tie in between C170 and C175. I don't think C13 should be a route for the powerline. The C45 and C50 routes are through the great divide area that is a critical Sage Grouse habitat. The C31 and C61 stretch is called Seven Mile Ridge, this is primarily all on BLM ground, this would be preferable for the power project.

The eastern route would be through a lot more private property and lots of easements and a lot longer route through Meeker, following Hwy 13, but crosses the Highway a lot of times. Don't think it should go through eastern route because of needing to have to buy easements through private property.

Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

Please Note:
 Comments are due by June 30, 2011
Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made 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.

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Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Tamara Gertsch, BLM National Project Manager
Gateway South Transmission Line Project
Bureau of Land Management – Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 1828
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RE: Sweetwater County's scoping comments regarding the Gateway South Transmission Line Project

Dear Ms. Gertsch:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Gateway South Transmission Line Project (Gateway South Project). This project is proposed by Rocky Mountain Power to construct a 500 kV alternating current transmission line from south central Wyoming to central Utah. The purpose of this Project is to upgrade Rocky Mountain Power's current electrical power system to ensure sufficient capacity to meet the power demands of its existing and new customers.

Sweetwater County supports the Gateway South Project and believes that projects such as this are vital to supporting the development of Wyoming's energy resources and providing power to support the growth of our nation.

To guide the development of the Gateway South Project, Sweetwater County offers the following scoping comments:

Conformance with the Sweetwater County Comprehensive Plan – 2002: The Sweetwater County Comprehensive Plan calls for project development to conform to the following Sweetwater County Comprehensive Plan Goals. Some of the goals that are relevant to the Gateway South Project include:

- "Encourage/support proactive County participation in relevant public land and resource planning and decision-making processes";
- "Encourage a balance between resource development and environmental protection."
- "Evaluate natural resource development proposals for their effects on air, water and environmental quality."
- Support the County's traditional land uses and interests.
- "Recognize and protect the County's unique cultural, recreational, environmental and historical resources."
- Identify areas potentially unsuitable for development. (These areas or physical characteristics may include flood plains, steep slopes, unstable soils and wildlife habitat.) Additional development standards may be required as necessary to mitigate adverse property and resource impacts.



- "As feasible, locate worker housing within existing communities where services are/can be provided."

It is in the spirit of these goals that Sweetwater County offers its comments.

Proposed Corridor Routes: Sweetwater County supports locating electrical transmission lines in:

- Existing electrical transmission line corridors;
- Along established public roadways that do not parallel viewsheds that are important to Sweetwater County; and,
- In corridors that do not compromise the viewsheds and other important natural resources of Sweetwater County.

Since the Gateway South Project utilizes the same corridors as the TransWest Project, Sweetwater County's order of preference for this project is in the same order as the County recommended for the TransWest Project. The following summarizes Sweetwater County's recommended order of corridor preference for both the Gateway South and TransWest Projects:

First Preferred Route: Sweetwater County's first preferred route runs parallel and adjacent to Wyoming State Highway 789. Where this route encounters the Town of Baggs, sage grouse core areas, or other important features, this route should be redirected around these features and then back to the route adjacent to Wyoming State Highway 789. With the appropriate rerouting, this is Sweetwater County's first choice since it provides the least impact to important Sweetwater County topographic features and view sheds within the Adobe Town region which include: Adobe Town, Willow Creek Rim, Haystacks, Powder Mountain and others.

Second Preferred Route: Sweetwater County's second preferred route is the middle or "Dad's Route", which is preferred by the Wyoming Game and Fish. This route provides less buffering to the view sheds of the Adobe Town Region than the County's preferred route paralleling WY Hwy. 789, but its route provides more buffering to the Adobe Town Region's view sheds than the route which utilizes the Entregra Pipeline corridor south of Wamsutter.

Third Preferred Route: Due to the close proximity of this route to the scenic view sheds and topographic features that include Adobe Town WSA, the Haystacks, Willow Creek Rim and Powder Mountain, this is the County's third preferred route.

Fourth Route – U.S. 191-Little Mountain-Red Creek: Due to this routes high scenic and recreational value to the residents of Sweetwater County, Sweetwater opposes this route and believes this route is not an option. *(Sweetwater County appreciates that Rocky Mountain Power is not considering the U.S.-191-Little Mountain-Red Creek Route as an alternative for the Gateway South Project, but this route has been restated here for the purposes of emphasizing Sweetwater County's strong objections to developing any transmission line corridors through this area.)*

Sweetwater County recognizes that where the proposed transmission route enters or leaves Sweetwater County it will have an impact on our neighbors - Carbon and Moffat Counties. To preserve our long standing working relationship with these Counties, we encourage a dialogue that identifies the best route for all involved.

Protection of Natural Features and Wildlife:

In eastern Sweetwater County, the natural features and view sheds that are important to Sweetwater County and may be adversely affected by the various proposed project routes include the natural features and view sheds of the Adobe Town region, Haystacks, Willow Creek Rim, Powder Mountain and others.



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Sweetwater County strongly encourages the avoidance and protection of these natural features and important view sheds.

In addition to protection of natural features, the protection of wildlife, including sage grouse core areas, is important to Sweetwater County. To help keep sage grouse off of the endangered species list, Sweetwater County encourages the BLM and developers to consider and abide by the Wyoming Sage Grouse Core Area Program.

Cumulative Impacts: Since there are five electrical transmission projects proposed to cross Sweetwater County, the County requests that the BLM consider the cumulative impacts of the routes of these projects on the County. To minimize the impact of the number of routes, Sweetwater County encourages route planning that minimizes project footprints while allowing each company to achieve their goals. Sweetwater County encourages the BLM to explore opportunities for co-location of transmission lines wherever possible.

Sweetwater County Roads: Any crossing, access, or utilization of a Sweetwater County road right-of-way for utility purposes requires an access permit or license from Sweetwater County's Engineering Department. Contractors are encouraged to contact Sweetwater County Engineering to obtain necessary roadway permits well in advance of the initiation of any project.

To ensure that public roads, cattle guards and bridges are maintained in a safe condition and are not damaged by heavy construction traffic, the Sweetwater County Engineering Department requests that before contractors move heavy equipment over County roads they contact the County Engineer, Mr. John Radosevich, at (307) 872-3921.

Sweetwater County Construction/Use Permits: Sweetwater County Construction/Use Permits are required for all proposed substations, transformer stations, and other similar long term facilities proposed as a part of this project. Temporary or short term facilities such as temporary construction storage yards, staging areas and man-camps will require a Sweetwater County Conditional Use Permit. Conditional Use Permit Applications require two public hearings and 60 to 90 days to complete. Zone changes may be required for those facilities that are not listed as permitted uses within the affected zone districts. At this time, under the current County regulations, construction/use permits are not required for the transmission lines or their towers, but Sweetwater County is in the process of creating and adopting Development Permit regulations for transmission lines and towers related to projects like the Gateway South Transmission Line. For more information on Construction/Use Permits or Zoning permits, please contact John Barton, Land Use Planner at 307-872-3915.

Work Camps: The Sweetwater County Comprehensive Plan - 2002 encourages "... the location of associated worker housing within existing communities where services are/can be provided." If a compelling need can be demonstrated, a work camp may be permitted through the Sweetwater County Conditional Use Permit Process. This permitting process takes 60 to 90 days to complete. For more information on Sweetwater County Conditional Use Permits for work camps, please contact John Barton, Land Use Planner at 307-872-3915.

Municipalities and Urban Growth Areas: Sweetwater County Comprehensive Plan - 2002 encourages cooperative interaction between local, State and Federal agencies. With this goal in mind, Sweetwater County encourages Rocky Mountain Power to continue their proactive efforts to educate and solicit comments from all potentially affected communities, especially Wamsutter, which is the closest

Sweetwater County municipality to the project. Concerns that should be considered include: housing, school capacity, traffic patterns (especially for heavy equipment and supplies being transported through communities), law enforcement, health service and other public services.

Conclusion: Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Gateway South Transmission Line Project. Sweetwater County supports Rocky Mountain Power in their endeavor to complete this important project. If you have any questions concerning the development issues listed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 307-872-3893.

Sincerely,



Wally J. Johnson, Chairman
Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners
John Radosevich, Public Works Director



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Mr. Terry Weickum, Chairman
 Carbon County Board of County Commissioners
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Mr. Tom Mathers, Chairman
 Moffat County Board of County Commissioners
 221 W. Victory Way - Suite 130
 Craig, CO 82301

RE: Sweetwater County's support for the attached Joint Resolution regarding the preferred power line corridor between Moffat, Carbon and Sweetwater Counties

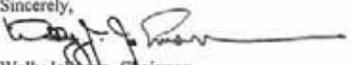
Dear Chairman Weickum and Chairman Mathers:

Sweetwater County is pleased to join in support of and sign the attached "Joint Resolution Regarding Preferred Power Line Corridors Between the Boards of County Commissioners of Moffat County, Colorado; Carbon County, Wyoming; and Sweetwater County, Wyoming" (Resolution).

Although, it was the consensus of the Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners that a modified corridor along Wyoming State Highway 789 was Sweetwater County's preferred alternative for a power line corridor, and the Old Dad's Road was Sweetwater County's second choice for a power line corridor, Sweetwater County joins Moffat and Carbon County in supporting Old Dad's Road and Seven Mile Ridge as the preferred corridor.

Sweetwater County supports the Old Dad's and Seven Mile Ridge corridor as the preferred alternative because as neighboring counties we have long worked together as partners and, as the Resolution states, "...all three Boards of County Commissioners acknowledge the need to cooperate in identifying a preferred power line corridor that is contiguous across state boundaries, as well as balances the need of each county's citizenry, environment, and economy".

Again, thank you for the opportunity to join in this important Resolution. If you have any questions regarding Sweetwater County's position as stated in the attached resolution, please contact me.

Sincerely,

 Wally Johnson, Chairman
 Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners

cc Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners
 Sharon Knowlton, BLM Project Manager - TransWest Express Transmission Project
 Tamara Gersch, BLM National Project Manager - Gateway South Transmission Line Project
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JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING PREFERRED POWER LINE CORRIDORS BETWEEN
 THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MOFFAT COUNTY, COLORADO;
 CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING; AND SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING

WHEREAS, two interstate power transmission lines, the TransWest Express Transmission Project and Gateway South, are proposing to cross portions of Sweetwater and Carbon Counties, Wyoming, and Moffat County, Colorado, hereafter referred to as the "Three Counties." The TransWest Express route begins south of Rawlins, Wyoming, and terminates near Las Vegas, Nevada, while the Gateway South route begins northeast of Medicine Bow, Wyoming, and terminates near Mona, Utah.

WHEREAS, all three Boards of County Commissioners support environmentally responsible energy and minerals extraction, energy generation and energy transmission as vital components of our local and state economies and a part of our local custom and culture.

WHEREAS, all three Boards of County Commissioners acknowledge the need to cooperate in identifying a preferred power line corridor that is contiguous across state boundaries, as well as balances the need of each county's citizenry, environment, and economy.

WHEREAS, Exhibit A identifies possible corridors which the transmission lines may follow through the Three Counties.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing a separate Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for each project and the Three Counties are participating in the development of these EIS documents under Cooperating Agency status with the BLM.

WHEREAS, the Three Counties have gathered feedback through their respective constituents and met in a duly noticed, joint Board of County Commissioner meeting June 1, 2011, in the Carbon County Commissioner Chambers to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the various proposed corridors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Three Counties prefer a power line corridor that follows the Old Dad Road in Wyoming and the Seven Mile Ridge route in Colorado as identified in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Boards of County Commissioners for Moffat County, Colorado; Carbon County, Wyoming; and Sweetwater County, Wyoming jointly agree that the two proposed power lines as well as future power lines should be built in the same corridor or other existing power line corridors in their respective counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, this resolution in no way prevents each of the Three Counties from implementing their own requirements or stipulations regarding power line construction, zoning, or other regulations.

Adopted June, 2011.

Chairman, Board of Moffat County Commissioners

Date

Chairman, Board of Carbon County Commissioners

Date

Chairman, Board of Sweetwater County Commissioners

Date

6/29/11

Submittal 24

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06/27/2011 10:40 AM
To: <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>
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Subject: Uintah County Scoping comments

Dear Ms. Gertsch, Attached are the Uintah County Comments for the scoping period of the proposed Energy Gateway South Transmission Project, along with a map showing the recommended route. A hard copy of the County's comments is also being sent.

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Thank you, Diane
[IMAGE]

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June 24, 2011

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BLM Wyoming State Office
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Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

RE: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project

Dear Ms. Gertsch,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Energy Gateway South Transmission Line Project beginning at the Aeolus substation near Medicine Bow, Wyoming to the Clover substation near Mona, Utah. The proposed transmission line is an Alternating Current (AC) 500 kilovolt (kV) line, approximately 400 miles in length.

Uintah County would like to recommend the alternate route corridor that is shown on the enclosed map highlighted in red as our preferred route at this time. Because of air quality issues within the Basin we would encourage a route further south to be considered which could allow industry to electrify their field.

Uintah County appreciates being involved in the scoping process and as cooperators in the planning of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

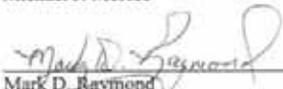
We have no further comments at this time but reserve the right to comment at a later date, if warranted.

Sincerely,

UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSION


Darlene R. Burns, Chair


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Route recommended by Uintah County

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Dinosaur Colorado

Bonanza Power Plant

State Hwy 45

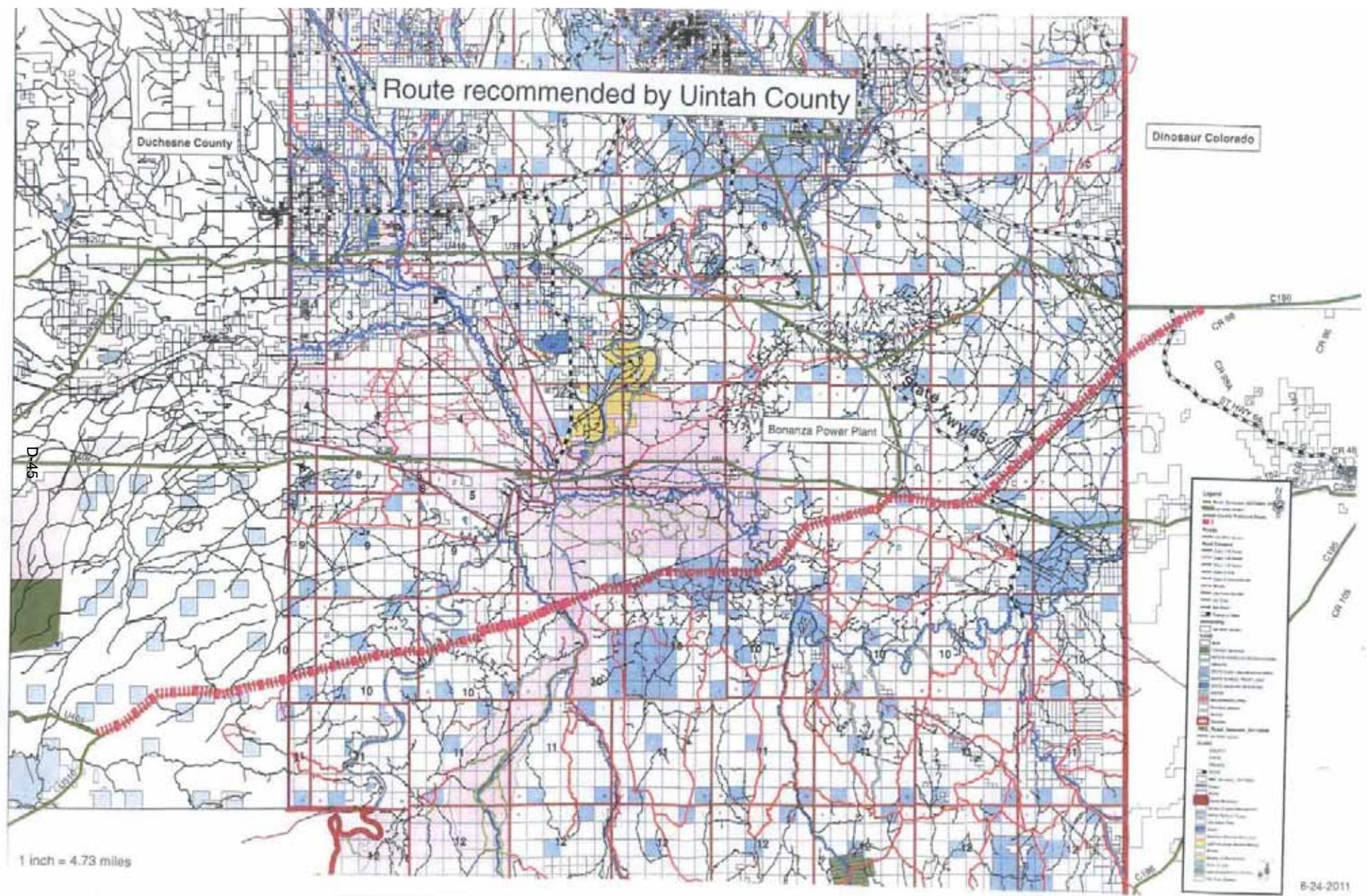
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Legend

- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Water
- Contour
- Topography
- Boundary
- Other

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Subject: City of Rawlins objection to Route "w29" Gateway South

[IMAGE]

A hard copy will follow.

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TO: BLM RE: Gateway South Transmission Line Project
From: Steve Golnar, Rawlins City Manager
Amy Bach, Community Development Director
RE: City of Rawlins Objection to Gateway South Alternative Route "w29"
Date: June 28, 2011

The City of Rawlins is concerned about the numerous high power electricity transmission lines which are currently proposed that will border the City of Rawlins on both the North and South. The city is currently limited on expansion to the south given the facts that:

- Numerous high pressure gas transmission lines already exist south of Interstate 80,
- The Wyoming State Penitentiary is already developed to the south of the City, and
- A couple of other power lines are already proposed to proceed south of Rawlins (Gateway West and TransWest Express transmission lines.)

Any proposed power line to the north will limit our expansion to the north where we anticipate growth. The new consolidated Rawlins Elementary School has been developed on the northern edge of the community which is very near the Middle school and High School. We feel that the clustering of school facilities will encourage future growth patterns to extend to the north in Rawlins.

In summary, because of the above concerns, the City of Rawlins voices its opposition to the Rocky Mountain Power Energy Gateway South Transmission Project transmission line route alternative "w29" located north of the City of Rawlins, WY as for the City of Rawlins to be bordered in both north and south directions will impact our future development.

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Comments on Gateway South

Submittal 26

Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find the Coalition of Local Governments' comments on the Proposed Energy Gateway South Transmission Line Project. Please let me know if you have any problems with the attached document.

Thank you,

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(See attached file: CLG Gateway South Comments 063011.pdf)



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SWEETWATER, UINTA, AND SUBLETTE - WYOMING

June 30, 2011

VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Attention: Tamara Gertsch, National Project Manager
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Re: Coalition of Local Government's Comments on the Proposed Gateway South
Transmission Line Project in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah

Dear Ms. Gertsch,

The Wyoming Coalition of Local Government (CLG) members Sweetwater County, the Sweetwater County Conservation District (SCCD) and the Little Snake River Conservation District (LSRCD) submit the following scoping comments on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Energy Gateway South 500-Kilovolt (kV) Alternating Current Transmission Line Project in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, and Possible Land Use Plan Amendments. Both SCCD and LSRCD are cooperating agencies on this project.

1. Coordination with State and Local Government Agencies

In Wyoming, some of the identified corridors are concentrated in Checkerboard or other private lands. Thus, jurisdiction is not solely with federal agencies. CLG should be involved early in the process. BLM must also consult with the cooperating agencies at the earliest point practicable and involve the cooperating agencies in the decision making process to ensure that the local government agency issues are addressed in a timely fashion.

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While the CLG generally supports transmission lines, it must separately determine that the development is consistent with local plans and ordinances and that appropriate rights-of-way and special use permits have been granted.

2. Consistency with Local Land Use Plans and Policies

Under FLPMA, BLM must analyze the proposed Gateway South Project to determine if it is consistent with local land use plans and policies. 43 U.S.C. §1712(c)(9). As directed in their respective land use plans and policies, CLG members strive to protect agricultural land uses and its ranching and farming heritage, as it is a primary foundation of their custom and culture. *See e.g.*, SCCD Land and Resource Use Plan and Policy at 51 (2005) (“The production of livestock in Sweetwater County is necessary to the livelihood of the ranching/farming businesses and related industries and it is also vital to the well-being and continued health of natural resources on federal, state and private lands”). BLM, therefore, must work closely with the affected CLG members to ensure that the Gateway South Project is consistent with local land use plans and policies.

3. Wyoming Checkerboard

Segments of the identified routes run through the Wyoming Checkerboard. CLG assumes that the project proponent will apply for the appropriate approvals from the affected counties and has rights-of-way from the landowners.

4. Socioeconomic Impacts

The social and economic impacts should consider temporary impacts of construction, and competition for labor and housing in the affected Wyoming counties, including Sweetwater County. It is not clear whether there will be any long-term benefits.

5. Livestock Grazing Impacts

In its scoping notice, BLM identified several resource issues none of which included impacts to livestock grazing or rangeland management. The impacts of energy corridors on livestock grazing operations may be potentially significant. Most of the land area affected is subject to 10-year livestock grazing permits that enjoy the same legal status as a right-of-way permit.

BLM must evaluate the proposed project’s potentially significant impact on livestock grazing operations. As required by NEPA and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), BLM needs to consider the full spectrum of the affected environment, including impacts to livestock grazing and the range resource. 40 C.F.R. §§1508.13, 1508.14; 43 U.S.C. §1702(c).

This analysis should include increased off and on-road traffic, increased number of speeding vehicles, construction of new roads and modifications to existing roads, destroyed cattle guards, increased number of vehicles in the area causing death or impairments of livestock, cut fences, opened gates, damaged range improvements, decreased AUMs and pastures for grazing, decreased palatability of vegetation and forage from road dust and development activities, unsuccessful reclamation of disturbed areas, introduction and spread of noxious weeds, and other detrimental social and economic impacts on livestock operators and livestock management operations.

The Gateway South project must also properly mitigate for these operational impacts to livestock grazing. This could be accomplished by the inclusion of a detailed mitigation plan developed in consultation with CLG, and affected livestock grazing permittees, that will address their concerns and recommendations. BLM and the operator also need to consult and coordinate with livestock grazing permittees to reduce the effects of construction on grazing operations to a minimum.

6. Reclamation

Reclamation remains a difficult issue largely due to alkaline soils, climate, altitude and lack of moisture. CLG supports the continued evolution of reclamation practices, including the efforts spearheaded by the State of Wyoming. Rights-of-way are especially problematic given visibility issues from changed vegetation.

7. Monitoring

CLG supports a monitoring plan to ensure compliance with Operator terms and conditions, especially reclamation. The terms and conditions are meaningless if they cannot be met or are never confirmed. Experience with construction throughout Wyoming also shows that monitoring is the best way to learn what will succeed and what will not.

8. Cultural Resources and National Historic Trails

The affected area has a number of historic trails and other routes said to be historic. BLM must follow the handbook in assessing the impacts of the cultural resources and the significance of such resources. In addition, CLG suggests that BLM reevaluate any claimed historic trail segments using the How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, National Register Bulletin 51 (1995), (NRB #51). Those portions of the trails or routes that are no longer visible or which have fallen into modern use would not qualify.

Segments of the identified routes will bisect the Cherokee Trail and appear to be near the Rawlins Baggs Road. BLM generally applies special visual criteria within view of the trails. If the trail segments are no longer visible, then there should be no issue. If, however, they are intact, then the rights-of-way must mitigate any impacts.

9. Visual Impacts

To the extent the identified route deviate from existing rights-of-way, the EIS must address visual impacts. The routes through Sweetwater and Carbon County areas are generally VRM Classes III and IV, but the Gateway South Project must be reconciled with any restrictive VRM Class II designations in the Kemmerer RMP.

Portions of the alternative routes also run through the "citizen proposed" Adobe Town Complex. Thus, visual impacts may be a major issue, notwithstanding the Kemmerer RMP decisions, and BLM must address the issue.

10. Wild Lands and Alleged Wilderness Characteristics

While CLG members strongly object to the Wild Lands Policy as unlawful, this project presents a clear example of how the Wild Lands Policy will potentially affect the rights-of-way.

Portions of the proposed routes run through the Adobe Town complex identified by The Wilderness Society (TWS) in August of 2010 as having wilderness characteristics. The proposal was made under the auspices of nominating areas for master lease planning. Nevertheless, it identified about 1.2 million acres of public lands south of I-80 and into northwestern Colorado for special review. Of the 1.2 million acres, TWS

identified 473,910 acres as having wilderness characteristics. Other route segments and alternatives affect wilderness inventory areas in Utah.

Interior Secretary Salazar's June 1, 2011 direction to BLM with respect to the Wild Lands Policy continues to emphasize the maintenance of wilderness character inventories and the consideration of such purported wilderness characteristics in making project level decisions. BLM, therefore, must address and disclose the extent to which the Gateway South Project may proceed in consideration of these policies.

11. Sage Grouse Management

BLM is currently revising sage grouse guidelines as an RMP amendment. The core areas and the land use restrictions that apply remain uncertain. They are however, trending towards greater restrictions. The EIS must address not only the impacts on the right-of-way but the impacts on the wind farms that are needed to make the project feasible.

12. Big Game Winter Ranges

The identified routes may run through crucial winter range for mule deer and pronghorn antelope and may affect crucial spring habitat for antelope as well. Thus, BLM must address the construction schedules that may have to conform to timing limitations, as provided for in the RMP to avoid "disruptive activities."

13. Route Location

One of the proposed paths of the planned transmission line runs directly through the area east of Baggs located approximately halfway between Baggs and Dixon, WY. The towers for the electric are 140 to 180 feet high, spaced every 1000 to 1500 feet and will transmit 500 kilovolts not for Wyoming but for other states. The Little Snake River Valley is known for its beauty and scenic landscape and viewshed. Putting the Gateway South transmission corridor through the middle of deeded lands in the heart of the Little Snake River Valley would deny the continued use of grazing and hay lands and destroying property values not to mention ruining the viewshed of the Valley. The LSRCD supports the proposed use of the existing transmission corridor west of Baggs near the Carbon/Sweetwater County boundary.



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Title: Asst. Administrator Organization that You Represent: Roosevelt City Self

Mailing Address: 255 South State City: Roosevelt State: UT Zip: 84066

Telephone (optional): 435-722-5001

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

I am a representative of Roosevelt City. I support Rocky Mountain Power's recommendation to eliminate the alternative route that includes U-420 and U-410. This route could impact a large portion of Roosevelt City, which would impact primarily residential development. This area has high potential for future development. There is existing power line, owned by Deseret Generation, that has impacted this area already.

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Tamara Gertsch
National Project Manager
June 30, 2011
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14. Cumulative Effects Analysis

The EIS must address related land use actions, including other energy development, the wind farms, and other actions occurring in the same space and time.

Thank-you for your attention to these comments, and CLG members Sweetwater County and cooperating agencies SCCD and LSRCD look forward to future consultation and coordination on the Gateway South Project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kent Connelly
Kent Connelly, Chairman
Coalition of Local Governments



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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

*Very interesting - I think the Chevron
Oil field & Colorado Mine need to be
more distinct on the maps*

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Moffat County Board of Commissioners Comments on Transmission Line Corridors
Regarding the Trans West Project and the Gateway South Project
August 9, 2011

To: Sharon Knowlton, TransWest Express Transmission Project Coordinator, BLM
Tamara Gertsch, Gateway South Project Coordinator, BLM

Moffat County appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed transmission line routes being analyzed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding both the TransWest Express Transmission Project as well as the Gateway South Project. Regarding the northern route in Moffat County, the Moffat County Board of County Commissioners has recognized the general proposed corridor of Seven Mile Ridge being preferable to the proposed Great Divide corridor and the proposed Highway 13 corridor, however there are nuances that need addressed prior to the exact pathway of the Seven Mile Ridge route being finalized.

Corridor Routes: The TransWest Express Transmission Project corridor and the Gateway South Project corridor do not line up exactly in various portions of the Seven Mile Ridge route across Moffat County. The Moffat County Commissioners agree with the proposed corridors of 2 miles in width to provide for future transmission lines. Incongruencies between both proposed 2 mile corridors must be rectified in order to minimize surface disturbance and provide one corridor for both currently proposed transmission lines, as well as future transmission lines. Moffat County requests BLM identify the transmission line corridor as a one-time allocation, and that future lines will stay within the 2 mile corridor and expansions of the corridor to accommodate other needs is not allowed. Of particular concern is the ability for future expansions within the proposed corridor, and that there is room within the corridor for possible expansions. Moffat County is aware of at least one situation where the TransWest line "corner hops" two private parcels that meet with adjoining corners, and the power line crosses where these two corners of private property meet. If additional transmission lines were to utilize the same corridor, they would be forced to negatively impact the private landowner in order to stay within the corridor. This may be addressed by shifting the corridor less than one mile onto all BLM managed land. Issues such as this must be rectified before the final meets and bounds are identified.

Full Impact Analysis: Moffat County requests a comprehensive impacts analysis that includes the net effect on the County's environmental and economic status. BLM often quickly brushes over this section in their Environmental Impact Statements and generalizes impacts rather than specifically and fully identifies the impacts. There is a great deal of concern that once a new transmission line corridor exists through Moffat County, that this will be the straw that breaks the camel's back regarding future projects allowed near Sage grouse areas, and that new development will be not allowed on BLM grounds. Moffat County requests BLM identify and commit in writing that the intent of the new corridor is NOT to hinder future projects. The effects of the transmission corridor must be analyzed regarding future development allowances, i.e. oil and gas, additional power lines, grazing allotment growth, including fences, and social and economic considerations for the county

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and region. BLM often takes the position that only the project being proposed shall be analyzed. The Moffat County Commission believes BLM has an obligation to analyze impacts of future proposed power lines within the 2 mile wide corridor.

Regional vs Range-wide Analysis: Regarding analysis of impacts on Greater Sage-grouse, BLM has requests from various groups to evaluate impacts on a range-wide scale. Moffat County cautions BLM not to substitute range-wide analysis for analysis on a regional scale. Range-wide analysis would consist of the 11 western states that Greater Sage-grouse appear in, where as regional effects analyze impacts of a transmission line corridor in the immediate area affected by the transmission lines. Moffat County requests that regional analysis be conducted and evaluated, and then regional analysis be used to identify impacts range-wide, not the reverse. The NW Colorado Greater Sage Grouse Working Group considers localized effects to be within the zones of NW Colorado with some bird movement around the Hiawatha area extending into Wyoming and Utah. State wildlife agencies have identified areas where Greater Sage-grouse move back and forth within topographic areas mostly within Moffat County. Therefore, lek fidelity/loyalty differences occur but have been identified and range from areas that don't extend much beyond the zone that grouse have been characterized in, to some birds traveling beyond their zone. There are localized effects that do not appear on the range-wide scale such as lek fidelity issues, visual impacts, environmental effects, mitigation possibilities, and biological effects. If regional impact analysis occurs, then range-wide effects can be easier identified.

Greater Sage Grouse / Local Conservation Plans / Habitat Equivalency Analysis: The Moffat County Commissioners are appreciative that BLM has embraced the involvement of the Northwest Colorado Greater Sage Grouse Working Group. This group has been regularly meeting and active for almost two decades and certainly knows the issues around sage grouse in Northwest Colorado. The Northwest Colorado Greater Sage Grouse Working Group signed its Conservation Plan in 2008 and has recommendations for buffers around leks, disturbance recommendations, and regular monitoring recommendations. Also some of the most intense sage grouse monitoring research in the 11-state range of the bird occurs in Moffat County. The Moffat County Commission understands that some are suggesting the State of Wyoming's density calculations and core area concepts be considered across the length of the transmission line as it passes through Greater Sage-grouse habitat. Moffat County specifically requests a review occur to determine the compatibility of this concept with the concepts for Greater Sage-grouse protection within our local Conservation Plan. Where inconsistencies occur we request BLM support the work of local communities and not try a one-stop-shop for Greater Sage-grouse protections the entire length of the proposed transmission lines occurring in Greater Sage-grouse habitat. Although there needs to be guiding principles as the power lines pass through Greater Sage-grouse habitat, the BLM EIS needs to recognize that each area has identified land uses and Greater Sage-grouse protections that work for each specific region.

The Moffat County Commission generally supports the concepts of Habitat Equivalency Analysis, which are very similar to compensatory mitigation philosophies, however broad reaching concepts can sound good until the details have been discussed. Therefore, we look forward to discussions about how the details will be addressed. Distance from corridors that mitigation may occur are critical in these discussions. Moffat County generally does not support mitigating impacts in areas long distances from where the impacts occur. Local basin compensation, generally within the same watershed, is most favorably looked upon. Mitigation long distances from the effect can result in sacrificing one area in favor of another miles, counties, or states away, and is generally less favorably looked upon.

Gateway South Specific Comment: Moffat County also requests that the capacitor station proposed to be placed on County Road 4 by the Gateway South Project Proponents be moved to the Maybell area or south. It is Moffat County's understanding that capacitor stations provide hubs for future power line additions to the transmission system. There are possibilities, small as they are, that power generation from the Craig Station could be

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expanded, or using large natural gas supply pipelines near Maybell could generate future power. If the capacitor station were moved to the Maybell area or south, these two possibilities allow for future power lines to be built along the already disturbed Highway 40 corridor or the existing transmission line routes already in existence. Compared to future power lines crossing the Great Divide area and disrupting undisturbed land and the prime Sage Grouse habitat of Moffat County, moving the proposed capacitor station to the Maybell area or south, is preferable.

Sincerely,



Tom Mathers, Chairman
Moffat County Commissioner



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No comments received from tribal governments during scoping period.

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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

DUCHESNE MAP #69 PARCEL #09446
59 TTB RITE
I DON'T WANT THEM GOING DOWN
ARGYLE CANYON - THE TOWERS ARE
A EYE SORE
THANK YOU
Reed Allen

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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Regarding the U490 alternative on BLM land near the base of the Book Cliffs there are some indian writings and also a split rock that on Solstice allows the sun to shine in its center. I want to make sure that is not disturbed.
My biggest concern of the project going through our property is not really a concern since the 2 mile study corridor makes it possible that they won't have to take our property.
The impact of the big towers is not something I'd want to see.

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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Bottom of map #56, Top of Map #69, Map ID # 09434

The existing power line on my property is within the 2 mile study area. I have 3 lots there and it goes through 2 of them. I am agin it! I believe that if you don't protect it then my kids and their kids won't have any property left.

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Name: Lauren Bailey & Rex Bailey Date: May 26, 2011 Title: Owner Organization that You Represent: Family Self Mailing Address: 193 N 200 E City: Nephi State: UT Zip: 84644 Telephone (optional): 435-540-7844 cell 435-660-1101

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We have three power lines thru We have one low voltage. We feel that we have done enough for the "Public Good", we are concerned because of past Contract Violation that have taken place on the property with Rocky Mountain Power (with sunset right) We feel that they have not been honored. We feel that the follow should happen: 1) Go for a different route than the one proposed 2) Go After more of the Federal road less areas. It's a road of no use anyway 3) Move the route as far north as possible; next to the road less areas. 4) Be willing to pay alot of money for this easement. We feel that we as property owner need to have the rights of our property. There is enough public property for this transmission line to go through. The Next concern is the amount of property taken between other transmission lines; that are not part of the easement. It adds up. You can't use the property between transmission lines. This a bad deal for private property rights.

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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I am the landowner of map #46 #10733

We are happy that the "purple" proposed site is up for removal of future sites. This is a residential area with another power line 1 mile away from us.

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I've recently been informed that a 500KV power line is being proposed through the Moondance Ranch development near Duchesne UT, of which I am the owner of 40 acres (lot #28).

I find it unbelievable that such a project would be proposed to traverse through the middle of a privately owned land development where people have purchased land to enjoy the beauty of the land and build homes.

Having transmission lines traverse this development would make some of the lots worthless, and devalue the remaining ones.

I would urge you to select an alternative route which does not impact property owners and devalue their property.

Thanks for your consideration.

John Baldi

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"Doug Bills"
 <dougandjean@comcast.net>
 05/24/2011 11:11 PM
 Subject
 Protest of Proposed Line up Argyle Canyon

Submittal 36

To
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To BLM Project Managers

We have three inputs you should seriously consider before routing the transmission line through Argyle Canyon:

1. The proposed line would run directly over some of the finest rock art in the canyon.
2. Because of the zig-zag path up the canyon severe power losses would occur.
3. The proposed route on the Anthro is a better choice because of the easier terrain and straight line route which would result in easier installation of the line and lower line losses.

As ever,
 Doug and Jean Bills
 Argyle Property Owners

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"Doug Bills"
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 05/24/2011 11:01 PM
 Subject
 Protest of Proposed Route thru Argyle Canyon

Submittal 37

To
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To: BLM Project Managers

One of the alternative routes for the proposed Gateway South Transmission Line is thru Argyle Canyon. The proposed route should not be considered for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed route would run next to some of the finest known rock art in Argyle Canyon. The rock art should not be disturbed if other routes are possible.
- (2) The transmission line route includes a severe 90 degree turn as it enters Argyle Canyon. The route up the canyon is through very difficult terrain. There would be severe transmission line losses resulting from the zig-zag route up the canyon.
- (3) The proposed route on the Anthro is straighter and seems to be a better way of transmitting large blocks of power with minimum waste.

As ever,

Douglass D. Bills and Jean W. Bills
 Argyle Canyon Property Owners
 Tele: 801-278-9113

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To: BLM Wyoming State Office
Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
P.O. Box 21150
5353 Yellowstone Road
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

Attention: Tamara Gertsch

From: Doug & Jean Bills
2806 East 3600 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84109

Date: 25 May 2011

Dear Tamara Gertsch,

We are landowners in Argyle Canyon and are very concerned with a proposed route of the Gateway South Transmission Line that would run over our property, in view from our cabin.

You should select one of the other alternative routes instead of the route up Argyle Canyon for the following reasons:

(1) **EXCESSIVE LINE LOSS.** The proposed transmission line route from Bonanza through Argyle Canyon is always changing course because of the rough terrain. (For example, the line changes direction by 90 degrees as it enters Argyle Canyon and then follows a zigzag path up the canyon). These line transitions would result in large losses of power.

(2) **BETTER ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.** The proposed route from Bonanza to Duchesne and then onto the top of Argyle Canyon is a more direct route.

(3) **IMPACT ON ROCK ART.** The proposed line would run directly over some of the finest rock art in Argyle Canyon. (I can show you a very good panel which is within 100 feet of the proposed power line. And, there are probably many undiscovered panels along the proposed route).

We want you to consider these three inputs that we have listed.

We hope the transmission line project is successful and that you can maximize the delivery of large blocks of power.

As ever,
Douglass & Jean Bills
Douglass & Jean Bills
2806 East 3600 South
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Title: retired Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
Mailing Address: 2806 East 3600 South City: SALT LAKE CITY State: UT Zip: 84109
Telephone (optional): 801-278-9113

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

There are two alternative transmission line routes being considered from BONANZA to the top of Argyle Canyon. The first route, I will call (A) runs directly west from BONANZA for 60 miles and then runs SW for 25 miles to the top of Argyle Canyon (~85 miles total). The second route, I will call (B) runs WSW from BONANZA for 60 miles and then runs in a general WNW direction for 13 miles to the top of Argyle Canyon (~73 miles total). Option (A) is a better choice than Option (B) for the following reasons:
1. Option (A) runs over easier terrain. The construction costs & maintenance costs would be significantly less for Option (A) than Option (B)
2. The line routing for Option (A) is straighter with fewer transitions than Option (B). Option (A) would have less transmission power line losses than Option (B.)

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Name: J.C. Brewer Date: May 24, 2011 Title: Organization that You Represent: private citizen Self [] Mailing Address: City: Vernal State: UT Zip: Telephone (optional):

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I am a private citizen. I have a keen interest in historical items in Utah and Colorado, specifically in the Book Cliffs area. In 1905 the American Guilsonite Co, (originally the Barber Co.) built a railroad track from Mack, Colorado, over the Book Cliffs to town of Dragon in Utah (through Baxter Pass). The railroad was in use from 1905 to 1938. The route made up of Links C196/C195 generally follows this path. The BLM has used it as a utility corridor in past. BLM's use as a utility corridor over the Book Cliffs is destroying the remnants of the historic Uintah Railroad and artifacts associated with the use and construction of the railroad and mining sites the track supported. The railroad is on the surface and surface-disturbing activities associated with construction are rapidly destroying this resource. For example, many of the original grades are still present: ties, spikes, and plates and all manner of old engines and parts: some support buildings also are present and would be affected by this alternative. I protest the selection of the alternative for these reasons.

I know there is an existing transmission line along these links: however, this is a smaller, less obtrusive transmission line and the visual impacts of the proposed transmission line would be much more severe and do not warrant collocating the proposed project with these links.

Generally, however, I support this project. I just oppose the selection of the particular links.

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Name: STAN Burch Date: 28 June 11 Title: Owner Organization that You Represent: Self [] Mailing Address: 291 E. 700N City: American Fork State: UT Zip: 84003 Telephone (optional): 1-801-400-2275

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed) Note: Prop Loc.: Summit County Approx 2 miles South FAVIE UT: T5145 R 46, Sec. 2223.

- Property in Conservation easement (under LAURITZ ESTATE)
GRAZING CATTLE.
THEY ARE NOW SIX HOME WEST OF US 89 CLOSE TO THIS PROPERTY.
WETLAND includes bulrush, Sedges AND RUSHES. RUSSIAN OLIVE, WILLOWS
WOOD LICE, AMERICAN TOBIAN, RED WING BLACK BRID NEST, CANADA GOOSE, SANDHILL CRANE, MOURN DUCK, MOURNING DOVE, SNAIL FEATHER AT UINTEAH RIVER'S MOUTH, RABBIT, CARLE RABBIT, MULE DEER
TWO SMALL STREAMS, SAN PITCH RIVER MOUNT PLEASANT & MOUNT CARMEL
PLAN (3A) WETLAND (3B)

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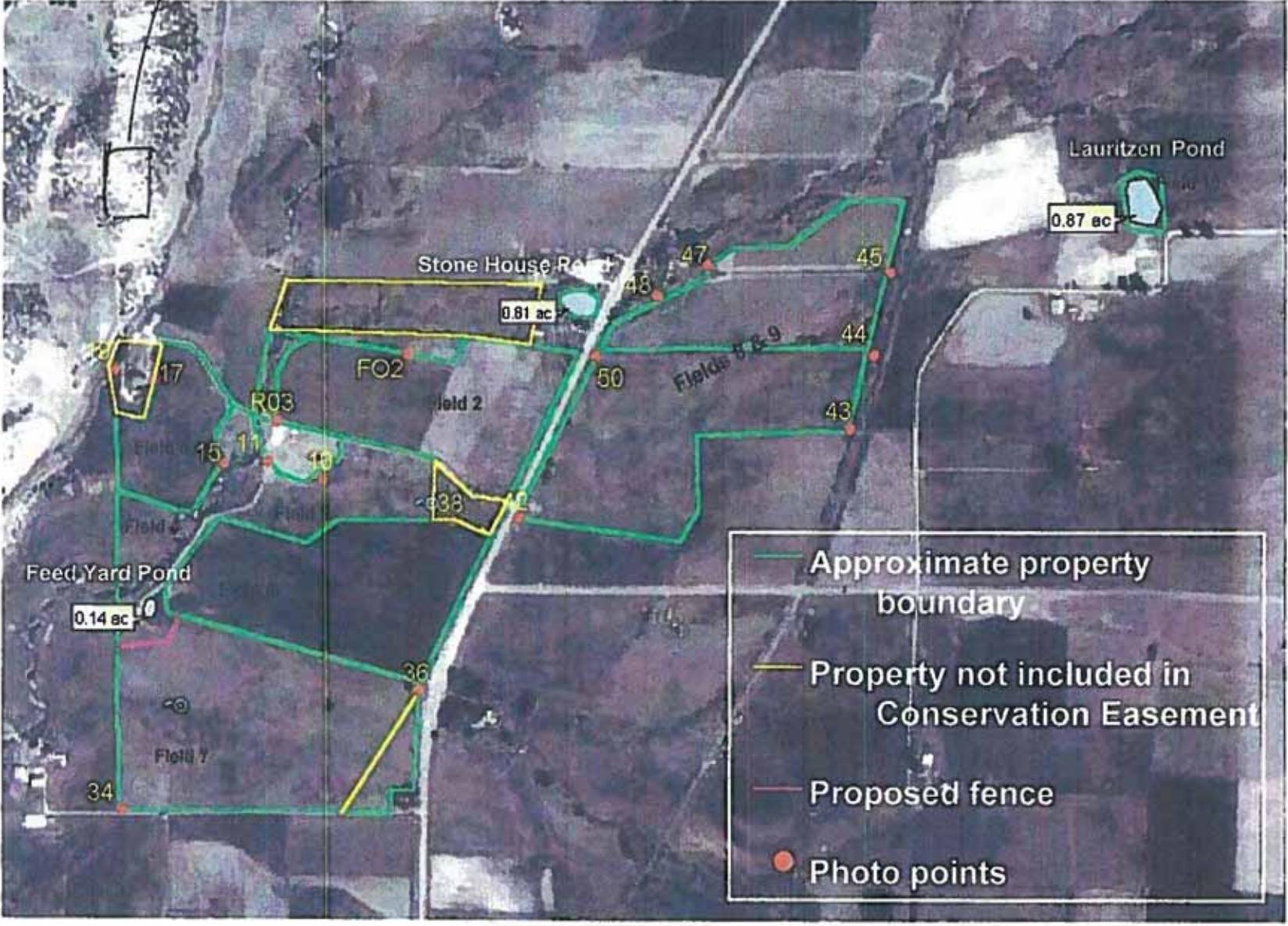
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* Protected Columbia Spotted Frog,
AND Southern Leather Back CHUP.

Stanley Burch

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Name: JACK BUTTERFIELD Date: 5/31/11
 Title: PROPERTY OWNER Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
 Mailing Address: 11830 So. 1900 W. City: RIVINGTON State: WY Zip: 84065
 Telephone (optional): (301) 254-3108

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

(LINK # 4435)

I OWN THE PROPERTY SHOWN ON MAP #9, PARCELS NO 80-8011-3401 & 80-8011-3424. ON THIS PROPERTY WE HAVE TWO CABINS. ONE IS A HISTORIC LOG CABIN, PARTIALLY CONSTRUCTED IN THE EARLY 1900'S. THE OTHER IS AN 'A' FRAME CONSTRUCTED IN THE MID 1980'S. THERE ARE ALSO A TOOL SHED AND OUTHOUSE CLOSE TO THESE CABINS. THERE IS A DEVELOPED SPRING/WATER SOURCE NEAR THE PROPERTY LINE. THE PROPOSED LINE RISES BOTH OF THESE LOTS DIAGONALLY. IF THE LINE WERE TO FOLLOW THIS ROUTE, IT WOULD MAKE THIS CHAIN AND PROPERTY COMPLETELY UNATTRACTIVE AND VIRTUALLY UNUSABLE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER CABINS AND WATER SOURCES THAT WOULD ALSO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. I WOULD HOPE AND URGE THAT A ROUTE THAT WOULD BE LESS DETRIMENTAL TO EXISTING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES WILL BE CONSIDERED.

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Submittal 42

butler233@comcast.net To GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov
 07/05/2011 04:54 PM cc butler233@comcast.net
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 Subject Public Comment

Dear Project Manger,

We have given the following comments to Rocky Mountain Power during an open house we attended in Nephi, but wanted to pass them on to you to be sure they were received. We hope that you will evaluate our concerns when determining the path of the line.

"Our parcel is located along the center line of routes U625 and U621. We feel that the alignment of these routes should be shifted to the east onto public land so that the transmission line does not affect private landowners. We run cattle on our parcel and adjacent parcels and are concerned that the line will affect our operation. There is also another power line already to the south of our parcel. So, this would be 2 lines in close proximity to our land. Also, in the last 8-9 years there have been two major forest fires in this area so there may be a fire concern. This area also has fantastic scenic quality and the transmission line would ruin that. That's part of the reason it would be better to put the line on public land since as the route currently exists it would impact the scenic quality of a private canyon that has been in a single family (Mitchell Family) for about 160 years."

Sincerely,
Diane Butler, Manager
Spencer Fork, LLC

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Name: Matthew and Susan Carlson Date: May 31, 2011
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
 Mailing Address: 1045 West 650 South City: Heber City State: UT Zip: 84032
 Telephone (optional): 801-243-4471 (Matt's cell)

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

Parcel # 00-0011-2932 Block # 09518

After speaking with RMP staff, our biggest concern is disruption of the natural flowing spring (the only water source for my cabin), and water lines that supply to the cabin from the spring. In the past my spring fed water system was disrupted during maintenance of the existing line. This cut the line in half and we lost about 1200 gallons from that service. Next concern is cell phone and TV service (existing service) disruption from the corona effect, as per Direct TV representatives that if the power line is within line of site it will disrupt Direct TV. We also have heard that cell phone service would be affected. As long as they put the line to the south of where the parcel is it shouldn't effect cell or TV service (much farther south, at least 1500). As the existing line is already on the property a second line would cause a division of the property.

We use a highlifter gravity flow water pump to supply water to the cabin, and are unsure if the corona effect would disrupt this service. Also concerned with the noise that would result in disruption of the silence in the winter time where we go via snow mobile.

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Submittal 45

18 April 2011

Hello,

My name is Jimmy L Castillo from California. I owned 43 acres of vacant land at Moondance Ranch Phase 2, Lot 73 Filing # 407446 of Book A546, Pages 576-581 records of Duchene County, UT. Yesterday I received a letter from the president of Moondance Property Owners Association James Willis. He attended a meeting on April 4, 2011 at Duchesne High School. Mr Willis indicated that the agenda of the meeting was to inform the public and disclose an extension for new power transmission projects for GATEWAY SOUTH [500KV] over certain areas of Utah and Wyoming. He said that one of the alternate routes was right through our subdivision starting with lot numbers: 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 74, 76, 77, 78, 60, & 58. My property is right below lot 99 and adjacent to lot 74. If the length span of the structural is approximately 150 feet and approximately 190 feet high the transmission line is right at the end of my property. It is not pretty. I work hard to purchase this piece of property. I am planning to make a move to Duchesne County, UT a smog free State to get out from Southern California smog county but because of this project and health issues I might change my mind. The impact of this project to all subdivision owners is really bad whether you are 2 or 3 lots away. This will definitely drive away potential buyer if you decided to sell your vacant lot in the nearest future. Also I firmly believe that this project could effect the property values of the whole Moondance Ranch Subdivision. Secondly, we have health issues due to radiation that cause cancer. Hopefully we can convince BLM to use alternative route and not right traversing the middle of Moondance subdivision.

Thank you very much.

Jimmy L Castillo
 3142 Forest Meadow Dr, Chino Hills, CA 91709
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To Submittal 46

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06/23/2011 04:19
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Subject
Gateway South - Stop U402, U430 and U431

RE: ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION PROJECT

PLEASE, STOP ALTERNATIVE PATHS
LABELED AS U402, U430 AND U431

For my wife and myself, it has been extremely troublesome and disappointing to have heard that the Bureau of Land Management and Rocky Mountain Power have had - in their unannounced and unpublished projects of several years back - an alternative route to build high voltage electrical towers that would cross the newly developed area where we have purchased a piece of property just a year ago with the idea to become our retirement retreat where we would welcome our children and grandchildren, family, friends, and neighbors and thus nicely enjoy our golden years as a part of our American Dream.

Those same surprising and disappointing feelings are deeply shared by the other ninety-eight property owners who have made purchases about the same time we did - a year ago. We have recently known about BLM and RMP plans and we have largely talked about it in our Home Owners Association meetings and communication means.

It is indeed extremely unpleasant to include conversations about these BLM/RMP plans rather than to talk about ways to improve our properties. This BLM/RMP project is definitely NOT an improvement we feel comfortable with.

Furthermore, our surprise has become personally even more troublesome as we have learned that such alternative route (including path U402) would cross exactly in the middle of our property lot thus making it immediately useless or unsuitable to build and/or to sell if we had to. Our investment of many years would turn into an automatic loss would such route be selected as the "winning route." Ninety-eight other owners would be in more or less similar precarious situation as we are. My wife and I are the owners of the property lot identified

as 09883 which appears on the upper left section of map 58 of this Gateway South project. We feel extremely disheartened of the existence of this project.

We are asking BLM and RMP NOT to select but to discard paths U402, U430 and U431 and to choose other alternative routes away from our developed communities with current plans to build homes or to be inhabited in other ways, i.e. cabins, motor-homes, recreational vehicles, etc.

Should this alternative route crossing our new properties be selected it will subject our properties - known as Moondance Ranches - to many kinds of electrical and medical related hazards, i.e.

- electrical shocks, unwanted static and induced electricity,
- dangerous and constant lighting situations,
- fires and explosions,
- (heart) pacemakers interference, most owners are of retirement age,
- Cancer and other related health risks.
- Etc.

The list may go on and on, and they are most likely well known to BLM and RMP. These potential dangers would definitely ruin the quality of life that we, all owners of these properties, have envisioned to have as we purchased these properties.

Please leave our properties and living plans free of these dangers. We are asking you to please remove paths U402, U430 and U431 from this Gateway South project.

We hope and pray that you will give a positive and favorable resolution to our plea and petition.

Thank you very much,

Tony and Dalia Colindres
4326 South 4580 West
West Valley City, UT 84120

Owners of lot 09883 which appears on map 58.

West Valley City, June of 2011.

Submittal 47

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 Subject
 Some Ugliness Behind "The Energy
 Gateway South Transmission Project"

RE: ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION PROJECT
 THE UGLINESS WE SEE!

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This is our second note on this. It actually deserves a preamble.

Preamble. On the past month of May, my wife and I were in San Antonio, TX visiting our daughter, son-in-law, and their four beautiful young daughters. Three events dominated the news that month that captured the nation's (and probably the world's) attention.

1. The first one was that in a

"...historic action designed to minimize the risk of catastrophic flooding in Baton Rouge and New Orleans, the Army Corps of Engineers ... opened the Morganza Floodway - for the first time in 40 years - to divert water from the rain-swollen Mississippi River into the adjacent basin... possibly affecting 25,000 people and 11,000 structures with the expected 25-foot planned flood over the neighboring 3,000 square mile area."

But what caught our attention about this particular event/news was that the

"Sheriff's deputies and members of the Louisiana National Guard have been going door-to-door to alert people of the pending flooding."

Now, that is true nobility and careful consideration for the affected people who understood why of this measure and the need to welcome the ALERT. As they went door-to-door, everyone knew what was coming. There were no surprises.

2. The second was Arnold Schwarzenegger's announcement that ten years ago he had fathered a child outside his marriage, deceiving his wife and the people of California who voted for him as a Governor. A story of deceit, lying, and corruption.

3. Third, the arrest in New York City of Dominique Strauss-Khan, chief executive of the International Monetary Fund, for sexual assault on a Manhattan Hotel female employee.

Now, what do these events have to do with the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project? Please, allow us to tie this preamble to our conclusion.

My wife and I had scheduled long in advance at the beginning of the year a vacation to Texas to visit our daughter in May. Unfortunately, we had to cut our visit short so we could attend the meeting scheduled by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Nephi, Utah to know more of the Energy Gateway Project and how it could/would affect us. A beginning in a series of surprises.

In this meeting in Nephi, we asked one of the coordinators what was the best thing for us to comment about to have a strong voice in opposition to the alternative routes going through our property of Moondance Ranches in Duchesne County, Utah.

His response was to include comments that will help BLM make fair determinations about the routes. And he added, "do not say things like the towers will look ugly in our backyards."

Therefore, we wrote our first letter with his suggestion in mind.

But more surprises have transpired since and new knowledge has surged to the surface and they are not pretty.

First, that BLM has had this Energy Gateway South Transmission Project in plan for over five years. We never knew of this project when we bought our property in Moondance Ranches.

Second, that Utah Ranches, LLC which sold the Moondance Ranches lots knew about the project but never disclosed it either to those who inquired or purchased properties.

Now, if they had this plan and/or knew, why didn't they say a word? That is the ugliness we see.

Just as the Army Corp of Engineers, the Sheriff's Deputies of Morgan County, and the Louisiana National Guard went door-to-door to alert people of the planned flood, so the BLM should have made sure that ALL prospective buyers had received an ALERT that there was a possibility of an alternative route bringing HV electrical towers could be built across the properties offered on sale. No nobility in BLM about not telling.

A simple note with such information should have been included in the marketing materials of these properties to beware any future buyers of the 5-year existence of the Gateway South Project. But no one ever saw such paper and no buyer ever knew about it until a year after the properties had been purchased. Surprise, surprise.

In recent conversations with other owners, we heard that Utah Ranches, LLC knew about the Gateway Project but never disclosed such knowledge to any of us buyers. Another surprise.

So, is there an alleged cover up with lies, deception and possible fraud on the part of these entities which can be legally repudiated in a Court of Law? An assault comparable to a crime of rape?

Furthermore, in a fair buy/sale transaction there is an exchange factor of value equivalence, that is, you get in exchange for your money something of equal value.



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Name: Sue Cook and Irven Olson Date: May 31, 2011

Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: _____ Self ▲

Mailing Address: 347 Herbert Avenue City: Salt Lake City State: UT Zip: 84111

Telephone (optional): 801-363-2086

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

As a landowner (00-001-4300 Map 69, Map #09343, Utah link # 401) of two adjoining parcels, we have a structure on the land, a cabin that is built, and we prefer not to have a transmission line next to it.

We have flying squirrels on our property and we have seen them glide for dozens of yards from tree to tree. It appears to us the squirrels reside on our property and we are concerned at how the project could impact them.

Deer, rabbits, rodents, birds, pine hens/grouse, bears, bob cats, marmosets, bats, elk, moose, weasels and other martins have been seen on our property, some reside there all summer long.

This whole area has been severely effected by the pine beetles, would there be any problems with this loss of trees within the study area? We have fire concerns with the lines in that area, very concerned about health concerns. What she has read is a lot of unknowns. Sue is sensitive to the existing lines in the area (- 2 miles away), she feels and hears the vibrations and electromagnetics. We are concerned with the possible dangers that are currently unknown, both for humans and wildlife. There are possible hazards that can't be proven at this time, and just because the hazards can't be proven now, doesn't mean we should proceed with project. We don't want the project to be in this close of proximity to this wild sanctuary.

Sue believes that the high transmission level line will detract from the pristine area would reduce the value of the property.

Well, our hard earned money was proven good when we purchased our properties. What we didn't know was that the value of these properties we bought – upon the Gateway Project decision to build HV electrical towers through them – will be undermined, to quickly become unwanted and undesirable with such decision. The value of our properties would fade in thin air as if we would have thrown our good money away. And, our dreams to build quality living quarters here at Moondance Ranches would turn into nightmares. And, the beauty of these properties so vividly described in the marketing materials was but a false pretense for now there are HV electrical towers.

So no, I am not talking about how ugly the towers would look across our properties. I'm talking about how the Gateway Project may turn off forever the little we have turned on so far and so enthusiastically in our Moondance lots.

And that is the ugliness we see !

<p>Tony and Dalia Colindres 4326 South 4580 West West Valley City, UT 84120</p> <p>Owners of Lot 09883 which appears on map 58. West Valley City, June of 2011.</p>	<p>PLEASE MOVE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE AWAY FROM MOONDANCE RANCHES DUCHESNE COUNTY, UTAH</p>
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The unsightly nature of the project would also detract from the property value. Even with proper restoration the disturbance from installing the project would reduce the value of the property. To sum up, there are aesthetic reasons and also environmental (flying squirrel as well as other wildlife) concerns that we feel this project should not be located here.

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June 27, 2011

BLM Wyoming State Office

Attn: Gateway South Project

P.O. Box 21150

Cheyenne, WY 82003

To Whom It May Concern:

We have many concerns about the proposed Gateway South transmission line between Baggs and Dixon, Wyoming.

1. We paid 1.6 million dollars for our ranch and the transmission lines would de-value our property.
2. One of the selling points for us was the wonderful view of the mountain and sunrises. Since our ranch is located between Baggs and Dixon we would have the pleasure of looking at the eye sores these towers bring.
3. If these towers are to transmit wind power to Clover – Mona, Utah let them put in their own wind turbines, I'm sure Wyoming isn't the only place the wind blows.
4. Carbon County is known for its' trophy hunting. The state would lose money because of the harm these lines and roads would cause wildlife.
5. The BLM owns about 50% of Wyoming put the lines on Government land not on hard working ranchers' property. Wyoming has many unpopulated areas, put the lines there so you don't ruin what makes Wyoming special.
6. Our valley is a very beautiful area and our small community counts on the many tourists that drive through sightseeing. The loss of income to small businesses would have a detrimental effect on them and our community as a whole.

We do not want the lines put where the valley residents would have to look at them. They do not benefit the local people and costs us too much.

Bob and Lexine Davis

P.O. Box 369

Baggs, WY 82321

lexinedavis@yahoo.com

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Name	Address Physical	Phone
Sherry Floyd	PO River View Dr.	220 2709
Danielle May	480 Whippoorwill	383-7042
Kathy Leman	PO Box 514	383-7042
Jeff Connor	PO Box 125	383-2997
Lea Lough	130 River View Dr	220 8209
Melanie Lee	Box 172 ⁴⁵⁰⁰ Haven	383-6713
Shantal Sukun	PO Box 12	383-2761
Ann Clark	P.O. Box 207	383-2424
Peggy Rowley	PO 3 Hunt	383-2561
Shirley L. Khan	C.R 503 Dixon WY	307-383-7217
Sue M. Lee	155 North Wiles	383-7062
Shirley L. Khan	Turgeon PO Box 443	383-7059

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Name	Address Physical	Phone
Sherry Cole	Carbon County Rd 710	383-6291
Frankie	Highway 1100m 475 westside PO Box 454 Baggs	383-6122
Mandy Holstad	115 Cottonwood St Dixon	383-2025
Raymond	305 Cottonwood St Dixon	383 2174
Jimmy Council	Lot #7 Coupler Rd Baggs	383-7573
Robert Thomas	Box 4 Baggs WY	383-2170
Kelly Pitt	436 Hummingbird	383-2168
Charity Redoux	430 Hummingbird	383-2168
Kathleen Terkla	106 Mesa Rd.	383-6453

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Name	Address	Phone
<u>Theresa Deim</u>	<u>PO Box 460</u> <u>95 S. Perland</u>	<u>307-383-2433</u>
<u>Kathleen Wilson</u>	<u>125 County Rd 702</u> <u>Baggs, Wyo.</u>	<u>307-383-6425</u>
<u>Bilbee Busko</u>	<u>#2 Stanton 223 Baggs wy</u>	<u>307-383-2460</u>
<u>Theresa Wilson</u>	<u>970 N. Perland</u>	<u>307-383-6140</u>
<u>Judith Fleming</u>	<u>210 South Side</u>	<u>307-383-7645</u>
<u>Margaret Jones</u>	<u>2500 South St</u>	<u>307-383-2225</u>
<u>Louise Elaine Munguia</u>	<u>101 North St. Baggs</u>	<u>307-383-654</u>
<u>Robert J Evans</u>	<u>44 subdivision cupak</u>	<u>307-380-8247</u>
<u>Lexine Davis</u>	<u>CR 722 Baggs</u>	<u>307-383-6457</u>
<u>Jimmy Olson</u>	<u>CR 529 Dixon WY</u>	<u>307-383-7217</u>
<u>Karen Quinn</u>	<u>623 Highway 70 WY</u>	<u>307-383-7425</u>
<u>Lydia Larson</u>	<u>415 Pine St Dixon</u>	<u>307-383-7123</u>
<u>Harvey E. Rasmussen</u>	<u>Star Route 1100 Dixon</u>	<u>383-2643</u>
<u>Edwin H. Hechler</u>	<u>County Rd 501</u>	<u>383-2667</u>

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Name	Address	Phone
<u>Christy Wilson</u>	<u>PO Box 99 Dixon WY</u>	<u>307-383-7771</u>
<u>Janet Wilson</u>	<u>P.O. Box 99 " "</u>	<u>" " "</u>
<u>Linda Fleming</u>	<u>P.O. Box 59 Baggs WY</u>	<u>307-383-7245</u>
<u>Melodee Silaff</u>	<u>405 Hwy 70 Dixon</u>	<u>307-383-6268</u>
<u>W. Silaff</u>	<u>405 Hwy 70 Dixon</u>	<u>307-383-6268</u>
<u>Tom Bob</u>		<u>307-383-2600</u>
<u>Justus Musgrave</u>	<u>50 Jerome St Baggs</u> <u>P.O. Box 133 Dixon</u>	<u>(307)383-6360</u>
<u>Rita Jones</u>	<u>CR 722</u> <u>Box 362 Dixon Baggs</u>	<u>380-6298</u>
<u>Sammi Stama</u>	<u>PO Box 21</u> <u>Baggs WY 82321</u>	<u>383-7896</u>
<u>Tom Huff</u>	<u>1100 403</u> <u>Baggs WY 82321</u>	<u>353-2054</u>
<u>Suey Adams</u>	<u>Box 391 Baggs, WY 82321</u>	<u>380-6877</u>
<u>W. Huff</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>" " 1</u>
<u>Ann Dora Orchard</u>	<u>Box 462 Baggs WY 82321</u>	<u>383-7983</u>
<u>Martha Orchard</u>	<u>Box 462 Baggs WY 82321</u>	<u>383-7983</u>

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Name	Address	Phone
Deborah S. Allen	PO Box 102 Baggs	380-8260 307-383-2413
Brian J. Lilly	PO Box 65 Slater, CO	307-383-2413
Ronnie Holden	PO Box 4 Surrency WY	307-383-2602
Robert Fisher	PO Box 4 Surrency	307-383-2200
Genevieve	PO Box 100 Dixon WY	383-2323
Patricia Ann Moss	P.O. Box 63 Surrency	383-2323
Kathy C. Hultquist	PO Box 1100 Dixon, WY	383-2323
George & Moss	PO Box 63 Surrency WY	423-332
Jay & Quisenberry	PO Box 94 Dixon WY	383-2323
Joe Quisenberry	PO Box 36 Slater, CO	816-533
Stephen & Lilly	PO Box 65 Slater CO 80853	307-383-2413 307-383-2413
Angela J. Treloar	Box 159 Surrency WY	2413
Patricia Parzelsky	P.O. Box 126 Surrency WY	383-2323
Walter	Box 70 Baggs, WY	383-2323

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Name	Address	Physical	Phone
Charlene Butler	31 Jebens St		(307) 383-6271
Gwendolyn Hurd	80 N. Main St Baggs		
Robert A. Davis	415 CEDAR ST DIXON		383-6811
Anna Montgomery	591 Hwy 70 Dixon		383-6100
Madison H. Curtis	260 Cordoba Baggs WY		383-2323
Paul Fleming	CR 600		813-37
Ed Miller	306 Aspen		
Leigh Anne Adams	270 North St. b1		383-6834
Clairne Quisenberry	Cottonwood Bluff, WY		383-2425
Vivian Wilson	280 Spence Farms WY		383-7109
Patricia Quisenberry	703 CR 5614 Surrency WY		383-2425
Matt Feldman	418 willow ST Dixon		383-7806
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Bob Quisenberry	9 Hwy 70 Dixon		383-6050

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omsaddlery.com>
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transmission project

I am favor of the transmission project. I do not agree with the environmental groups that are trying to squash every project that comes along. please let me know how the project is progressing.
Shane Deeter
Deeter Custom Saddlery
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La Sal, Utah, 84530
435-459-9617
shane@deetercustomsaddlery.com
www.deetercustomsaddlery.com

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Name: Kevin Deener Date: June 1, 2011
Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: _____
Mailing Address: 801 LOCUST LANE City: MOAB State: UT Zip: 84532
Telephone (optional): 435-220-1037

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Please address the Kit fox and the Burrowing owls
in the I-70 corridor or other areas of Proposed project
The Kit fox is a sensitive species and the owls are
struggling also

Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

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"RYAN DEVERAUX"
<pobzeb82@msn.com <gatewaysouth_wymail@blm.gov>
>
05/16/2011 12:00 PM
To Submittal 52
cc
bcc
Subject
Re: Gateway South Transmission Line Project

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a property owner in the Moon Dance Ranch area near Duchesne Utah. It has come to my attention that a proposed power line project will run directly on 2 parcels of land that I own. I have several concerns with this project:

I purchased this land, not as an investment, but to eventually build a home/cabin on the property to spend extended time near our family living in central Utah. Having a 500KV power line with the size of tower required to carry those lines will be a large detriment to us living on the property.

I am not sure how many people would love looking out their window and instead of seeing a beautiful landscape, looking at a 300' x 120' tower.

What will that do to our property value? Even if we don't ever sell the property, the intrinsic value is diminished for us as well by having an eyesore run across our property. I have to imagine that type of line would cause at least some sort of interference with any kind of TV, Radio and Cell Phone service as well.

I am also not very comfortable living under this size of a tower or power lines with that type of voltage. What kind of health and safety risks are there living near or under something of that magnitude?

Are there other land options available that do not include private property where people want to build homes and cabins or is this just the "easiest" route for placing towers?

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

Thank you.

Ryan Deveraux
Land Owner Moon Dance Ranch Subdivision
(505) 974-1708

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To Whom it may concern:
(Then, please forward to ERIC GRILL)

IN THE MAILINGS I'VE RECEIVED WE WERE ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE GATEWAY SOUTH PROJECT.

SO HERE GO'S - IF YOU PLACE A 500 KV LINE ANYWHERE SOUTH OR EVEN OVER MY 40 ACRE PARCEL ESPECIALLY N. OF HIGHWAY 30, YOU WILL HAVE DECREASED THE VALUE OF MY PARCEL!!

THIS WOULD SANDWICH MY PARCEL BETWEEN A 250 KV LINE NOW IN PLACE AND YOUR 500 KV LINE.

EVERYONE I'VE TALKED TO HAS TOLD ME NO ONE WOULD KNOWINGLY BUY - RENT OR WANT TO BE SANDWICHED BETWEEN TWO OF THOSE LINES!!

MY REAL ESTATE AGENT TOLD ME, DUE TO DISCLOSURE LAWS HE DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD BUY - RENT OR KNOWINGLY BE BETWEEN THOSE LINES.

I KNOW THE LINES ARE SAFE THEY WON'T CAUSE YOU TO GO IN THE DARK - OR DUE TO SOME STUDYS DO NOT CAUSE CANCER. ETC. NEVER THE LESS IF THAT LINE GO'S THRU ANYWHERE NEAR THE SOUTH SIDE OF MY PARCEL I PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE IT AWAY LET ALONE CONVINCE MY WIFE - MY FAMILY OR ANYONE ELSE TO LIVE THERE!! THAT PARCEL I'DED BY GATEWAY AS #871 IS UNIQUE THE ONLY ONE FOR MILES AROUND WITH

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PRIVACY AS IT IS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY RAIL ROAD - BLM OR FOREST SERVICE LAND FOR A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE. - PRIVACY

BUT NOT REMOTE CLOSE TO TWO PAVED HIGHWAYS 30 & 72 (1/2 mile OF DRIVE WAYS) NO CLOSE NEIGHBORS EVER, BUT NOT REMOTE!!

IT HAS CITY WATER 2 SEPARATE ELECT. METERS Zoned Comm., Ag, & OK. FOR RESIDENTIAL WITH NO

H.O.A.S OR COVENANTS. -

MY DREAM TO RETIRE BUILD A NEW HOUSE THERE AND LIVE IN PEACE - BUT NOW AS YOU CAN SEE A PROBLEM, ONE 250 KU LINE IS BAD ENOUGH DUE TO PUBLIC & FAMILY'S PERCEPTION BUT SANDWICHED BETWEEN THAT ONE AND YOUR 500 KU LINE. NOTE THE 250 KU LINE ONLY CATCHES THE N.E. CORNER OF THE PROPERTY. SEE MAP ON PAGE 4 OF THIS LETTER.

PLEASE FORWARD THIS COMPLETE LETTER TO ERIC GRILL AS I HAVE TALKED TO HIM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE HONEST AND STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH ME.

I'M AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO. - - - DO I PH

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MY FUTURE OVER THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS?
OR HOW CAN I SELL AND RELOCATE?

DISCLOSURE LAWS MEANS THE REAL ESTATE AGENT IS BOUND BY LAW TO TELL ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE PARCEL OF THE FUTURE UN KNOWN PLANS PLEASE BUY ME OUT - TRADE LIKE PROPERTY FOR LIKE PROPERTY - OR GIVE ME SOMETHING IN WRITING OF GATEWAYS INTENTIONS SO I CAN GO FORWARD WITH MY LIFE.

YOU GUYS HAVE SURE PUT A KINK IN PLANS I HOPE YOU CAN SHED SOME LIGHT ON WHAT I SHOULD DO OR AT LEAST COUNT ON.

I KNOW THAT IF YOU MOVE THE 500 KU LINE TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 30 YOU'D HAVE MORE EXPENCE INVOLVED THAN JUST BUYING ME OUT. AND I REALLY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO START OVER WITH A NEW PROPERTY BUT IF I DON'T I'M STUCK WITH MY PARCEL AND I'LL HAVE TO LIVE THERE BY MYSELF AS MY WIFE & FAMILY WON'T LIVE BETWEEN TWO HIGH POWER LINES.

Thank You
Sincerely,
Jack D. Dismore

5 - 5 ACRE LOTS @ SDK

250 KU LINE

POWER LINES

N.E. CORNER

GAS STAT.

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PARKING

40 ACRES

J.D. Diamond
Ranches - Cow Camp #1 - Livestock O.K.
Zoned Comm. / CITY WATER / 2 SEPARATE ELEC. METERS
HANNA, WYO.

INCOME PROPERTY w/
UNLIMITED
POSSIBILITIES

DEZORD ALESS DRIVE WAY

S.D. DIAMOND RANCH RD.

N.W. CORNER

WEST GATE

TRC

EAST GATE

ACCESS TO HWY 72

old SEALED COAL MINE VENT AIDS

S.E. CORNER

SPRING MELT RUN OFF DRAIN

RIDGE

S.W. CORNER

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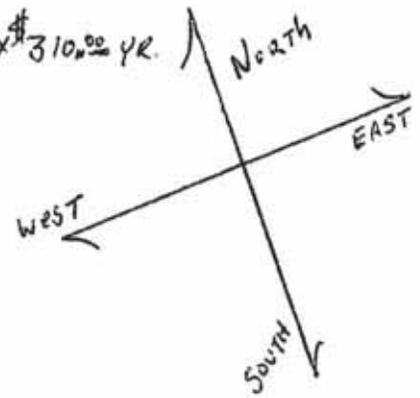
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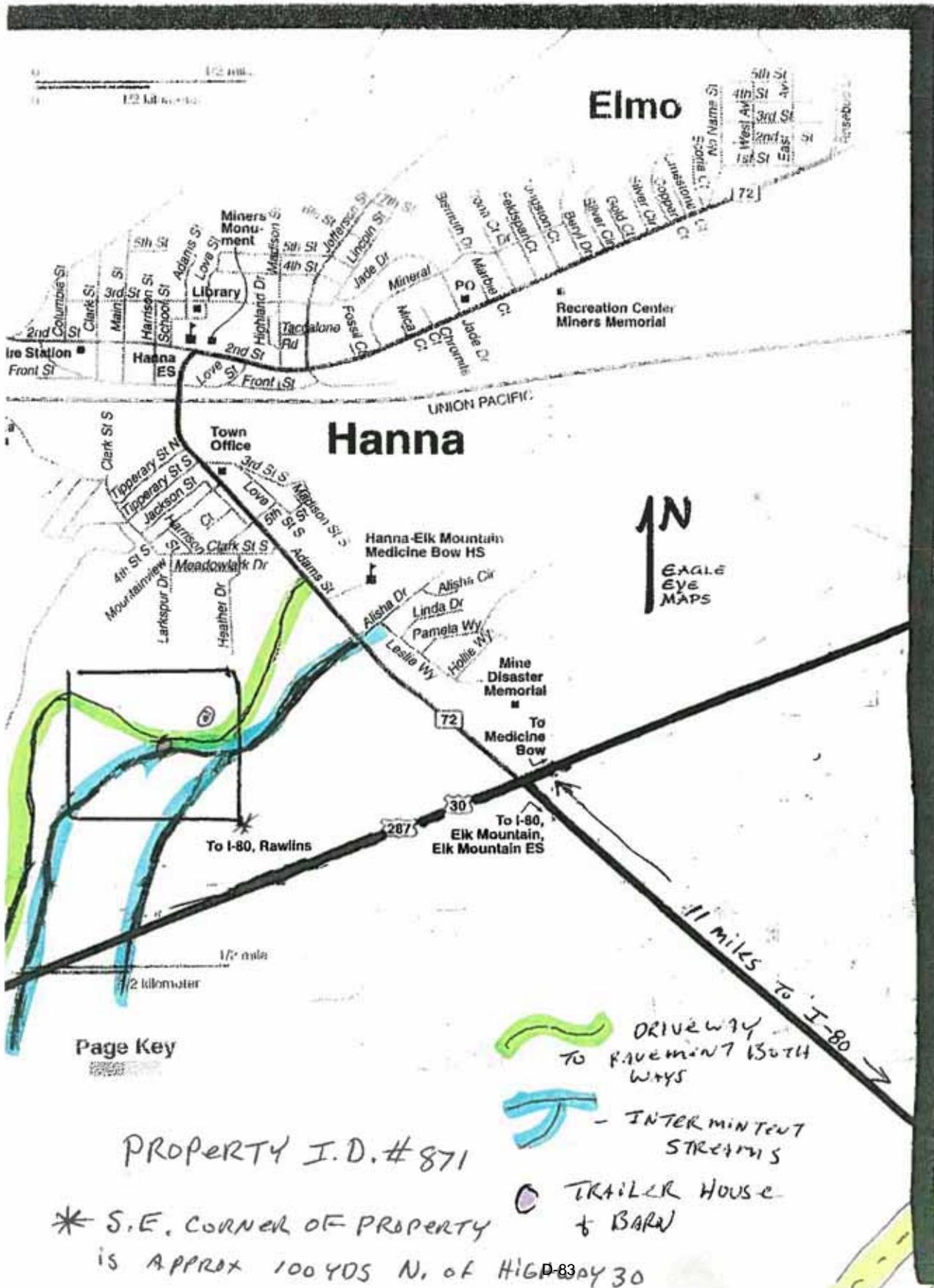
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PROPERTY I.D. # 871

MAP NOT TO SCALE

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Elmo

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PROPERTY I.D. # 871

* S.E. CORNER OF PROPERTY IS APPROX 100 YDS N. OF HIGHWAY 30

DRIVEWAY TO PAVEMENT BOTH WAYS

INTERMITTENT STREAMS

TRAILER HOUSE & BARN

11 miles to I-80

I-80
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1 and 2 JD Diamond Ranch RD, Hanna, WY

\$285,000 Single Family Home for Sale

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Property Features

Market Status
Available
Property Type
Single Family Home
Architecture
Manufactured
Stories
1 Story Apt.
Building Features
Pets Allowed

PROPERTY I.D. # 871

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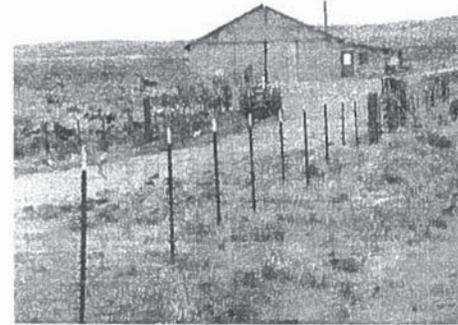
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Name: Jack Dishong Date: May 12, 2011
Title: Organization that You Represent: self Self X
Mailing Address: 39314 E 6th Ave City: Bennett State: CO Zip: 80102
Telephone (optional): 303-644-3743

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Map #5 - Parcel 03964 - I own 40-acres near Hanna, Wyoming. Zoned commercial. have residents and some livestock living on it. I would like to lease it for agriculture or other commercial business or sell the property (see below); however, I believe I can't sell or lease the property because of the existing high-voltage/tension transmission power line and the potential for another high-voltage/tension power line. An existing 230-kilovolt transmission line (the Miner's Platt) cuts through the northeast corner of this property. (A distribution line exists that feeds the house and barn.) If this line is built as shown on the maps provided for public scoping, my property would be "sandwiched" between two power lines. I believe this would significantly decrease the value of my property (current listed value \$285,000). I suggest that the transmission line could be shifted south of Highway 30 and request that the line be moved as far south of Highway 30 as possible to reduce visual impacts from my property and thus, impacts to my property value.
-I believe I cannot sell the property at this time because of real estate law requiring full disclosure of future impacts of the transmission line on the property.
-I am hesitant to lease additional property for livestock or other uses because of uncertainty associated with the power line (for example, potential health risks, risks to losing livestock through open gates during engineering investigations, etc.).
I am not opposed to the line and I know that the transmission line is needed. But I believe it can be shifted to avoid my 40-acres at enough distance to reduce visual impacts from my property and impacts on my property value.

Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

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Name: David Downs Date: Thur 5/19/11 Title: Retired T. Line Construction Manager Mailing Address: 107 Blair Road City: Whitewater State: CO Zip: 81527 Telephone (optional): 970-523-7066

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Right of way costs (acquisition) is probably the major cost today, so transmission lines should be constructed double circuit. The second circuit could be strung whenever needed in the future. Just have the towers capable to handle double circuit.

This could solve land owner problems, fewer endangered species problems. You eliminate a lot of problems using the 2nd circuit.

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Name: Michael J. & Margaret A. Duzik Date: 6/10/11 Title: land owner Organization that You Represent: Self Mailing Address: 1213 M.C.R. 100 City: Craig State: CO Zip: 81625 Telephone (optional):

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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

- Protest of proposed plan to place transmission line(s) on our property... - In the year-to-year operations our crops require some aerial application as well as tillage and harvesting both tractors and other large equipment... - Our property is home to elk, mule deer, antelope, & a returning population of pronghorn.

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Submittal 57

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to
Attn: Tamara Gertsch
Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

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Thank Tamara
we the map at D.S. High School

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: EDWARD C. WESSON FAMILY TRUST Date: JUN 23, 2011
 Title: Trustee Organization that You Represent: Self
 Mailing Address: 8745 G 20750 W City: MT. PLEASANT State: WY Zip: 82447
 Telephone (optional): 335462-0172, or 1-801-362-9572

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

OUR PARCELS INCLUDE 12865, 532257, 2264, 2228 X LOCATED APPROX 1 MILE NORTH AND ONE MILE WEST OF MT. PLEASANT (ACROSS RIVER) ~ 256 AC.

1. THE PRESENT 345KV LINE TRANSMISSION PASSED ON THE SOUTH END OF MY PARCELS. (3 LARGE POLE SETS)
2. WITHIN 1000 FEET OF PRESENT LINE THERE ARE EXISTING HOMES THERE ARE 3 COUNTY SUB DIVISIONS ALSO WHICH WILL SOON HAVE MORE HOMES ON THEM.
3. THERE IS LIVESTOCK PASTURED (COWS, GOATS, HORSES & SHEEP) ON ALL THE PASTURES ALONG AND EAST OF THE SAWPITCH, ALSO UNDER THE FRANCO AND McARTHUR CANALS & THE MOUNT PLEASANT AND MORGAN CANALS.
4. A LARGE PART OF THE GROUND (PASTURE & HAY ACRE) WITH FLOOD IRRIGATED, GATED 12" PIPE AND WHEEL LINES.

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... THE RIVER AND CANALS, LARGE Cotton Wood Trees, WILLOW'S ARE NATURAL SANCTUARY FOR EAGLES (15 TO 1700 FROM DEC TO MARCH). ALSO American Robin, Red wing black birds, & mole nest CANAL GOOSE, SANDHILL CRANE, whooping crane, meadow LARK, MORNING DOVE, SNIP, MUSTARD, UNKLE ground SQUIRREL, RACCOON, Cotton wood Rabbit mule Deer, Elk, Skunk, FOXES, COYOTE AND lots of water & Blow SAKES, RATTLE SNAKES -

5. WATER - SAWPITCH RIVER, MANY SMALL STREAM MANY Springs (on my property) eight. which caused lots of wet lands along the River (on my property ~ 25 AC.)

6. NRCS ^{UPWR} AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A restoration project along the Sawpitch River since ABOUT 2005, IT IS NOW APPROX. 98% COMPLETE, lots trees, willows, large rocks AND stream SHAPING, along WITH FENCING ON BOTH SIDE OF THE RIVER APPROX

1 mile of stream AND 2 mile OF FENCING TO protect the River AND prevent Flooding like IN 1983.

ENVIRONMENT, Ecosystem / Species ^{CONSERVATION}
VALUABLE Columbia Spotted Frog ^{SOUTHERN LEATHERSIDE CHU} habitat.

The River has Brown Trout, Mountain Sucker
Southern's Leather side, Speckled Dace,
Redside Shiner

7. Our Neighbor North/EAST Approx 1 mile
HAS A EASEMENT (Stan Burch 291 EAST
700 NORTH AMERICAN Fork, UT. 84003)
which covers ABOUT 157 Acres. To
Protect The Columbia Spotted Frog
AND Southern Leather Back City p.

General Comment (From ^{of} Engr. for 30 years AND
A Farmer For 28 years)

1. I know This Country Since 1950's
IF. the South live has to go I'd
IT would Be Very Wise To Follow The
old Speer TRAIL From us 89 South
To Fountain Green AND THEN TO MONTA.
No homes no wetlands @ EET. No or
LITTLE WILDLIFE. IT ^{STARTS ABOUT 5 MILES} GOES WEST
NORTH OF FAVRE UT. 3-

would not go to close to Homes,
Rivers, wet LAND, IT would
Be shorter By 20 or 30 miles
AND would save The Government
A lot of money -

P.S.

THANKS AGAIN TAMARA For
The Infor mation AND Giving
us A chance To Comment

Colleen Jones



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Submittal 58

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Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: Affel H. Ereksen Date: June 1, 2011
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
 Mailing Address: 20955 North 8900 East City: Mt. Pleasant State: UT Zip: 84647
 Telephone (optional): 801-598-7159 e-mail: ereksena@msn.com

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

Map # 12758 (SE Corner) is my property, Dublin wash. We have a well permit adjacent to Map #13113 (NW Corner) which will be subdivided for homes. Map # 13088 has plans to build a house. Map # 12767 currently has a house on it. Map # 13082 has plans to build within 5 years. Sanpitch River runs adjacent to Map #'s 13082, 13088, 13758, 13108 (which we own) which has endangered species (leather-side chub & spotted frog). DWR has been negotiating an environmental easement. Map # 12765 (SE Corner) Has a stand of trees where the bald eagles winter. Map # 12758, 13108, 13082 have springs on them. If you went a mile to the north of the proposed corridor it would be preferable, in other words if you moved that whole thing further north. Sanpete County is one of the few in the state left that still has productive agriculture. Why don't you request the USFS release the land that the Forest Service IRA, can't this be done since the USFS refuses to build any roads in those areas (north of Fairview) rather than impact so many farmlands? Please cross between Mt. Pleasant and Fairview or go totally further north (the less populous and less farmland)

Also, please look into the discussion of the sale of Federal Lands that are being proposed for sale to balance the budget. Maybe the lands that Rocky Mountain Power could purchase some of those lands?

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Name: Roger and Norene Eschler Date: May 24, 2011
 Title: Residents Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
 Mailing Address: Route 2243 City: Roosevelt State: UT Zip: 84066
 Telephone (optional): 435-724-1656

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

We are representing our private land. We support Rocky Mountain Power's recommendation to eliminate the alternative route that includes U-420 and U-410. This route could impact the 54.5 acres that we own. We are concerned that there will be impacts to our existing home (impacts to property value, visual impacts, and health and safety) and our neighbors and future development. Keeping in mind that there is an existing line (owned by Deseret Generation) that currently impacts our home. We are concerned that the proposed line would have to be placed close to our homes (we have two homes on the property) because of the location of the existing line.

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Name: John S. Frisby, Christine F. Turpine (executor) Date: May 31, 2011
Title: Manager Organization that You Represent: Frisby Family, LLC.
Mailing Address: 2131 West 11970 South City: Riverton State: UT Zip: 84065
Telephone (optional): 801-254-3211

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

Map #69, ID #09416 (29295 South Beaver Canyon Road, Argyle Canyon, UT), Duchesne County
Is this project going to effect our cabin on this property directly? Is it going to bring the power lines even closer to our cabin? Our cabin is west of the existing power line easement. If you stay east of this existing powerline it will not effect us. Our cabin is within 50 feet of the existing, so if it is on the east part of the study corridor it is preferable to us.
Do they have certain rules about how close someone can live to this new transmission line? We are concerned about this potential distance from our cabin.

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Submittal 60

"Pat Eyre"
<PEyre@SANDY.UTAH.GOV>
04/06/2011 09:15 AM
Comment
To
<GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>
cc
<kelee.eyre@rioting.com>
bcc
Subject

To whom it may concern.

I have had a conversation with someone on the message line from Rocky Mountain Power regarding the routes being considered for the transmission line from Wyoming to Mona. From what I understand at this point, I wanted to say I have no objection if it were necessary to cross my 20 acre parcel. My understanding is, I will continue to be notified about the progression of this project, as long as the route or route's under consideration would cross my parcel. I was having a difficult time trying to determine where my property is in relation to your map because I cannot access Google Earth. My parcel # is 00-0027-8758, could you tell me what the numbered block on your site is that my parcel falls on? I will say however, I was in hopes this line was an opportunity to throw away my generator for my cabin, and I could finally have power. I have been politely told, this cannot happen with this kind of power line, darn it.

Regards, and good luck

Pat Eyre

Pat Eyre
Sandy City Public Utilities
Storm Water Inspector
10000 Centennial Parkway, St 241
Sandy, Utah 84070
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peyre@sandy.utah.gov

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Submittal 62

Lydia Garvey
<wolfhowlmama@yahoo.com>
GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov
05/04/2011 04:44 PM
Subject
Nix Gateway South transmission line!

It harms: Grouse habitat, Raptor nesting concentration, Mule deer migration routes, High quality songbird habitat And Wildlands of historic, spectacular Powder Rim. Do your job, Protect Our Public lands, waters, wildlife & health! You work for citizens, not industry.
Your attention to his most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species.
Thank you
Lydia Garvey Public Health Nurse
429 S 24th Clinton OK 73601

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Subject: FW: Forwarded from Gateway South Mailbox **Submittal 63**

Gary Gilbert
<godishealing@yahoo.com>
GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov,
GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov
05/10/2011 10:12 PM
Subject
Proposed Gateway South Transmission Line Project in Wyoming

To whom it may concern,

I would like to provide some input and comments regarding the proposed transmission line project. We have a cattle ranch near the Fort Steele State Historical Site (our house is 3/4 mile north of 180) about 15 miles east of Rawlins, WY. One of the proposed alternate routes appears to come directly across our land and we strongly object for several reasons.

Living on Fort Steele Road we see a vast amount of travelers and tourists and historians passing by heading to the Historical Site and for them to drive under 190 foot towers to get there would be detrimental to the overall experience that Fort Steele is intended to provide. We also have 2 small children and several studies have linked negative health consequences with high voltage power lines.

For instance,
"Based on experiments involving rats and ozone, scientists at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory have identified a chemical reaction that may explain higher rates of illness observed among some people exposed to strong electromagnetic fields such as those produced by high-voltage power lines."

Read more:
<http://www.seattlepi.com/default/article/High-voltage-lines-negative-ions-and-rats-1136476.php#ixzz1MOI NCNAM>

There also are several other families along Fort Steele Road (most houses are less than than 1/8 mile apart on this side (west) of the N. Platte River) which means that the other families would also have to deal with the cancers, tumors and other possible health concerns associated with the power lines. If the lines would go to the south of Interstate 80, (also one of the proposed routes) it would not have to run right across the tops of so many houses. The south side of 180 does not have a county road populated with a bunch of families like the Fort Steele side of 180 does.

We have cattle and horses on our ranch (as do many of our neighbors) that also may be negatively affected by the lines. The "buzz" of the lines makes a "bombproof" kid horse as jumpy as a bucking bronco in the chute. My son nearly fell off one such horse as it apparently thought the buzzing was that of a rattlesnake.

We also know of at least 2 bald eagles that reside in the trees in the very area the power lines are proposed to cross our land. There nests would be disturbed and their survival may be jeopardized.

There also is a large island that the lines would have to cross/have towers on and it would create great challenges for workers to get equipment to build and/or repair the towers and lines.

With all of these concerns, we ask that you please take the lines across to the south side of Interstate 80 between Walcott and Fort Steele rather than crossing Fort Steele and then going south at Rawlins.

Thank You.
Sincerely,

Gary Gilbert
Ranch Manager (and son-in-law) of Leone Hay
5 Fort Steele Route
Rawlins, Wy 82301
(307) 324-3931



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Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: Gary Gilbert Date: 5-12-11
 Title: Ranch Manager Organization that You Represent: Leone Hay & Self
 Mailing Address: 5 Ft. Steele Rt City: Rawlins State: WY Zip: 82201
 Telephone (optional): (307) 324-3931

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We have a cattle Ranch on sections 25 & 26 ^(Carbon County) and oppose any transmission lines going across our property. We have 3 water wells, horses, livestock and most importantly 2 young children that would be adversely affected. If the line would run south of I80 instead of on the north (Fort Steele) side it would not affect the 10 families that reside along Fort Steele Route between I80 and the Ft. Steele state Historical Site.
There are 2 pair of bald eagles, deer ~~and~~ antelope year round and each year the elk winter graze on section 25. Please do not use the proposed alternative route W29 but use one of the routes that cross I80 further to the east and keep them on the south side of I80 where they will not run across such a populated area.

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Submittal 65

Mechelle Grant
<mgrant@national
ewp.com>

"GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov"
<GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

To
cc
bcc

06/27/2011 08:20
PM

Subject
Gateway South Transmission Line
Project - Wyoming, Colorado and
Utah

I am a property owner in the Moondance Ranch subdivision southeast of Duchesne, UT. I am requesting that an alternate route for the Gateway South power transmission line be considered that does not run through the Moondance Ranch subdivision. There are approximately 100 lots in this subdivision and all of us are fairly new property owners and will see the value of our properties go down considerably if a transmission line runs through them, not to mention the possible health effects of a 500kv power line. I urge the BLM to consider an alternate route that does not run through or close to this subdivision or any of the others nearby.

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Thank you,

Mechelle Grant
Safety & Health Analyst

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Submittal 66

5-11-11
1407 E. 5th Blvd
Sally Lane C-21
Utah 84414

ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH
Box 21150
CHEYENNE WYOMING 82003
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2011 MAY 19 AM 10:00
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DOLBY
CHEYENNE WYOMING

I HAVE BEEN OFFICING OUT OF
VEAS WITH MY COMPANY EISENHOWER
ENTERPRISES AND I JUST BARRELY LEARNED
OF THE TRANWEST TRANSMISSION LINE
AND THE ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH LINE
IN TIME TO RESPOND BEFORE THE SCOPING
PERIOD ENDED ON APRIL 4 and I SUBMITTED
A LETTER IN TIME TO MEET THE DEADLINE
AND I PLAN TO GO TO A SCOPING MEETING
ON ENERGY GATEWAY EITHER AT MT PROSSANT
MOUNTAIN OR NORTH UTAH ON JUNE 16th.

HOWEVER WITHIN THE PAST WEEK A
MEDICAL PROBLEM OF HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE
AND PROSTATE HAS SURFACED AND I HAVE
BEEN ADMITTED TO THE VETERANS HOSPITAL
IN SALT LAKE. I HOPE TO BE OUT OF HOSPITAL
BEFORE THE MEETINGS BUT I WANTED TO SEND
MY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS AND WILL
FOLLOW UP WITH MORE DOCUMENTATION
LATER.

PL 29-11
1427 EAST BLAINE
and
SALT LAKE CITY,
UTAH 84105

Energy Delivery System
TRANSMISSION PROJECT
P.O. Box 21150
Cedarbreak, Uyo 92007
Contract;

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DO-5124
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

I am responding to the
Energy Project with the memo
because I cannot attend any of
the public meetings.

I wish to be on the mailing
list and express my viewpoint that
the project should make available
veterans preference contracts.

In addition I have many viewpoints
to offer + will do so as the project
moves forward.

Donnell G. Hofer

My observation of the Energy Gateway
South Project is to provide power for
oil from shale programs and other
uses.

My company is registered as a
Veterans Preference Contractor and
I plan to secure contracts under my
preference designation.

Also I see many reasons why these
two projects are in the national
interest.

I would appreciate you sending
more info on both projects.

Thank you very much,

Donnell G. Hofer
1427 East Blaine Ave
Salt Lake City,
Utah 84105



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Name: Reed + Kaye Hammond Date: 26 May 11
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
 Mailing Address: 5051 W Deer Wood Dr City: West Valley State: UT Zip: 84120
 Telephone (optional): (801) 957-9509

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We own property in Duchesne County on map #58, parcel numbers 09880, 09881, 09882. We recently purchased this property for recreational property and investment. We are concerned about the viability of our property as well as the resale value should this link, 4402, go through and be built. We also have concerns about the health risks if and when we build on the property. We enjoy the current wildlife that is a part of our property and drew us there. We don't want to see that changed either.

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Name: Wayne + Morgan Henderson Date: 5/26/11
 Title: owners Organization that You Represent: Henderson Ranch LLC Self
 Mailing Address: RT 3 Box 3621 City: Myton State: UT Zip: 84052
 Telephone (optional): 935-646-3393

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We would like to see this link go South of Rayhams, to Green River, UT then follow the Highway 2 through ~~the~~ Harting to Mead. The private land is the District based land has been impacted enough with the oil field. We would hope this can be built by staying off private land along the whole route. As private lands are being abused daily by the large energy companies with Government Approval.

Morgan Henderson

E-mail: morgenh@h.earthlink.net

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Jon Hill
 <cripple-cowboy@h
 otmail.com>
 05/09/2011 03:38
 PM

To
 cc
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 Subject

comments

Submittal 70

The route through Rangely would interfere with the Rangely airport. Then the proposed route has the same problems as Transwest with slide areas, ice in the winter on Baxter Pass, and would interfere with our ability to put in wind towers ourselves. The Baxter route should be removed.

Thank you, Jon D. Hill

Cripple Cowboy Cow Outfit, Inc.
 PO Box 40
 Rangely, CO 81648

(970) 216-3509



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Please Print Clearly

Name: Pamela Hones Date: May 12, 2011

Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: Peterson Livestock LLC Self

Mailing Address: PO Box 973 City: Rawlins State: WY Zip: 82301

Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

Currently Gateway West and Gateway South are proposing routes through Peterson Livestock LLC lands in T22N R83 W, T21N 83W, and T21N R82W. This corridor is checkerboard lands consisting of Peterson Livestock, State, and BLM lands and runs through a stretch nearly 10 miles long. It is our understanding BOTH transmission lines would use this route. We have not objected to these routes.

HOWEVER, we must strongly oppose the Gateway South route proposed to run northeast of Sinclair, T21N R85W Sections N1/2 6 and 5, T22N R85W Section 31, T22N R86W Sections 25, 27, 29, 33, 35 and T21N and R86W Section 1. This corridor involves our ranch headquarters, irrigated meadows, feed lots, and the scenic North Platte River. After reviewing the map it appears the transmission lines would be very close to several employee houses and even goes through our feed lots. Such a line would adversely affect future use and value of this river property not only from a livestock operation and recreational use but also housing issues. Our employees should not be forced to live that close to such a structure especially when there seems to be other alternatives. This line would be a detriment to any other ranching development not to mention the negative effects on wildlife and ascetics.

We are accepting the possibility of two large transmission lines through our lands. It seems a shame that prime agricultural land with other potential uses and housing problems should have to be disturbed also. Our cooperation with Rocky Mountain Power would be severely damaged. Again we strongly opposed the route north of Sinclair.

Submittal 72

April 5, 2011
P.O. Box 163
Jensen, UT 84035

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(435) 789-5334

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DOH/BLM
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

BLM Wyoming State Office
Gateway South Project, attn: Tamara Gertsch
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Dear Ms. Gertsch;

I have some preliminary concerns about the Rocky Mountain Power Gateway South Project that your office has responsibility for approving.

To begin with, I received the Rocky Mountain power flyer announcing the Vernal, Utah meeting today and to late for me to change my schedule. I couldn't help but notice that the map on the flyer shows Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area but does not show Dinosaur National Monument.

Dinosaur National Monument is a national treasure, and it brings thousands of people to the area to view the dinosaur exhibits, camp and run the Yampa and Green Rivers. I strongly support the proposed BLM recommended for elimination of the route from the Utah border to Jensen. The route selected MUST consider the affect of the towers on the scenic view shed of Dinosaur National Monument and any other designated areas it may be viewed from.

For those same reasons I would object any proposed routes that might infringe upon the White River from Rangely to the confluence with the Green River at Orray, the Green River from Orray through Desolation and Gray Canyons, and any planned routes that would affect proposed Wilderness or Wild and scenic River designation in Uintah, Duschene, Dagelt, Moffit (CO), Carbon and Emery Counties. The proposed routes from Rangely, Co to Bonanza and Duschene falls into those categories. The proposed route southwesterly from Bonanza is also unacceptable for similar reasons.

Outfitters and private river runners use these lands, mostly managed by BLM, and they significantly contribute to the economies of Vernal, Green River and other towns that serve river runners. To impinge upon the vistas of those places would have a significant impact upon peoples wild experiences and the communities.

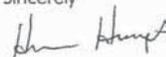
Prior to any approved route Rocky Mountain Power must also provide an independent study of the human health electromagnetic fields created by these power lines upon citizens who reside nearby. The high voltage power lines should avoid communities and individual ranches, residences and existing dwellings.

It would seem that the I80 corridor in Wyoming to Salt Lake City would be the most acceptable route, as it is already a transportation corridor.

Finally there is the question of need. That the arid West is already overdeveloped and "settled" should come as no surprise to anyone. A good example of "encouraged" development are urban interstate highways. As development moves further from the city center, more lanes are added and development moves farther away creating the "need" for more lanes. This same scenario relates to Rocky Mountain Power's Gateway South Project. The additional transmission lines are encouraging growth where resources like water, and clean air are already stressed. Therefore, because Rocky Mountain Power, through this project, is adding to those problems the E.I.S. should address the full range of effects of Rocky Mountain Power's proposed lines. It should include a contract of how Rocky Mountain Power will mitigate those resources and the related resource limitations and pollution the increased growth will cause.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment, and will provide further comments as the project unfolds. Please add me to your mailing list.

Sincerely



Herm Hoops

Dear Moondance Property Owners

It has come to our attention via Earnest Lambert, whom was apparently the only property owner notified regarding the latest developments of a proposed 500kv main power transmission line that could run right through the middle of the Moondance subdivision.

Reed & Kate Hammond and Mara & James Willis attended a meeting on April 4, 2011 at Duchesne High School. The meeting was to inform the public and disclose an extension for new power transmission projects for GATEWAY SOUTH over certain areas in Utah and Wyoming. One of the alternate proposed routes was right through our subdivision, starting with lot numbers: 95,96,97,98,99,74,76,77,78,60 &58.

This could effect our whole subdivision regarding property values not to mention the health concerns from such high power lines of 500 KV.

We were told in the meeting by the Pacific Corp representatives that they have alternative routes and have suggested another route to the BLM. They also stated the final decision comes from the BLM not Pacific Corp. They said we can submit our comments and this might convince BLM to use another route not traversing through Moondance.

Enclosed is a comments sheet that goes to Rocky Mountain Power on the back is a schedule of other meeting times and places.

We are extending you an invitation to meet with us in Nephi on 05/26/2011 @ 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. At Juab High School, 802 North 650 East, Nephi UT. For additional information on other locations, dates and times, please use the following link:

http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd_gateway_south.html

Please use these email addresses for the BLM to find out information and send your comments:

GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov or
ConstructionProjects@pacificcorp.com

Please send your email address and phone number to: jameswl@juno.com so that we can keep you informed.

This is an area of great concern and you urgent attention to this matter is requested and appreciated.

Gateway South Transmission Project Public Comment Form

Rocky Mountain Power would like to hear your comments regarding the proposed project. Please return this comment form to the sign-in table or mail it to:

Rocky Mountain Power
Gateway South Transmission Line Project
1407 West North Temple
Room 250
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

You can also submit comments via email or phone:

E-mail: ConstructionProjects@pacificcorp.com
Message line: 801-220-4221

Please state the project name (Gateway South Transmission Line Project) when submitting your comment to Rocky Mountain Power via telephone or email.

The comments submitted on this form are for Rocky Mountain Power only. In order for your comments to be considered part of the official record, they must be submitted directly to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). (Please see below)

Comments:

Location thru Moondance Ranch not appropriate
due to large # of land owners

How did you hear about the landowner meeting? (Check one):

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> TV ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project website | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends or neighbors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Public comments may be submitted to the BLM during the comment period by the following methods:

- Attend one of the BLM public open house meetings listed on the reverse side of this form.
- Email comments to GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov
- Mail comments to the BLM:
Gateway South Transmission Project
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

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BLM Public Open House Meetings

BLM Public Scoping May 10, 2011 Baggs, WY Valley Community Center 265 West Osborne	BLM Public Scoping May 11, 2011 Rock Springs, WY Rock Springs High School 1375 James Drive	BLM Public Scoping May 12, 2011 Rawlins, WY Rawlins High School 1401 Colorado Street
BLM Public Scoping May 17, 2011 Craig, CO Craig Holiday Inn 300 S. Colorado Highway 13	BLM Public Scoping May 18, 2011 Rangely, CO Western Rio Blanco Recreation Center 611 South Stanolind Ave	BLM Public Scoping May 19, 2011 Grand Junction, CO Central High School 550 Warrior Way
BLM Public Scoping May 24, 2011 Roosevelt, UT Union High School 135 North Union	BLM Public Scoping May 25, 2011 Fort Duchesne, UT Tribal Center 988 South 7500 East	BLM Public Scoping May 26, 2011 Nephi, UT Juab High School 802 North 650 East <i>H: 3:00 PM to 7:30 P</i>
BLM Public Scoping May 31, 2011 Price, UT Carbon High School 750 East 400 North	BLM Public Scoping June 1, 2011 Mount Pleasant, UT North Sanpete High School 300 East 700 South	BLM Public Scoping June 2, 2011 Green River, UT Green River High School 745 Pirate Avenue

Tell us how to reach you

Include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail below so we may keep you up to date about this project.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Please print information clearly

Name: Renee Thomas UTLR, LLC
Address: 1500 Plaza 10 Dr
City: PRESTON State: AZ Zip: 87033
Daytime phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

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For more information, visit Rocky Mountain Power's website or the BLM website at:

<http://www.pacificorp.com/trans/pe/ggs.html>

www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/gateway_south.html
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Place
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Rocky Mountain Power
Gateway South Transmission Line Project
1407 West North Temple
Room 250
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

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Cheyenne, WY 82003

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Please Print Clearly

Name: Paul Jacob Date: 5-26-11
Title: Manager Organization that You Represent: Scoti-Ild Miller Creek LLC Self
Mailing Address: 349 E 200 South City: Pleasant Grove State: UT Zip: 84062
Telephone (optional): 801-785-2300

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

price 1# 7286 May 68 Dec 33 TRS RTE
Please keep to the North - looks like proposed
Route would be fine - This would keep away from
homes etc in Clear Creek.

Thank You

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To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: Jared Jaques Date: June 1, 2011 Title: Organization that You Represent: Self Mailing Address: 20461 N. 9650 E. City: Mt. Pleasant State: UT Zip: 84647 Telephone (optional): 435-469-2264

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I own lot # 13088 and # 13087. 13088 is where we have a house a barn and we raise cows and horses. We also own lot # 13087 which is a 7 acre hay field. We irrigate all of our land to for pasture and hay for winter. There is wetlands and birds on property: deer, fox, skunks, pheasants, quail, frogs, eagle and hawks. Also there is a few springs on the property. To me the best route would be north of Fairview. All of our neighbors raise cattle, horses, sheep, goats, Hay, grain, we all have gardens to put produce away for the winter. One of the biggest concern is the health of my wife, and two kids. Plus the health of the animals that we raise. Down the same road that my house is on there is a 4 lot subdivision pre-approved by the county. The subdivision is called skyview acres. We are on two of the 4 lots. There is some small springs on both lots. Then down the main county road there is 4 more houses that are not shown on the map. There is also another house that is going to be built this fall.

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To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: Edward and Jessen Family Trust Date: June 1, 2011 Title: Trustee Organization that You Represent: Self Mailing Address: 8745 E 20750 N (get rid of POBox) City: Mt. Pleasant State: UT Zip: 84647 Telephone (optional): 435-462-0172

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Our parcels include 12765 5522257, 22264, 22248X, Within about 1 mile and west about 1 mile of Mt. Pleasant. The existing power line goes across our property. I have 3 large poles on the property (15 kV), within ~ 1000 feet there are 3 county subdivisions, there are 5 existing homes close to this existing line and another 3-5 homes are in the process of being built. There is livestock pastured on our parcel, as well as many surrounding parcels. A large part of this pasture area has been irrigated in the past using flood or other inexpensive methods, now we use wheel line irrigation and this has been subsidized by federal and other funding. Natural sanctuary for bald eagles, December to March depending on the year for when they return. NRCS Manti worked on a restoration project since about 2005, 1 mile plus along the Sanpitch river to save the river, as it had very bad flooding in the 1983. In the river there is habitat for the spotted frog and for the leather back chubs, there is a lot of wildlife along the river (pheasants, deer, geese, quail).

Stan Birch, our neighbor to the north, has land with a conservation easement for the spotted frog.

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 Bureau of Land Management
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 P.O. Box 21150
 Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____ Date: May 12, 2011

Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: self Self

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

We prefer the south alternative (Link W30) in the Ft. Steele area because:

- It would avoid residences located south and north of the Platte River, the CIG plant, and the penitentiary. The proposed transmission line also would be placed behind the ridge if located along Link W30 and then would not be visible from Highway 80.
- The river is more narrow the south side of the river (Link W20) and there is not as much vegetation. There are three pairs of nesting bald eagles north of I-80 (Link W29) so far this spring (2011) that should be avoided. These eagles have been documented with the state biologist (2010).
- Fort Fred Steele State Historical site is located to the south of Link W29. The transmission line would be visible from the site and humming from the transmission lines might be heard, which would impact the historical setting and aesthetics of the site.
- Our property if located just outside of the study corridor along Link W29 (Section 26 T21N R85W; parcel map 12).

Kathy and Pat Jordan

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Submittal 78

"Joyce Key" To
joycekey@centurylink.net <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov> cc
 06/01/2011 02:18 PM bcc
 Subject
 Energy Gateway South Transmission Project..

I attended the impact meeting held in Rangely, CO on May 18th. Our home is located within the 2 mile impact area Rocky Mountain Power is considering placement of their powerlines and towers. (I was told we are located on Map #63 #04739). We purchased this home 15 years ago, as have most of our neighbors, to enjoy the beautiful view we have from this hill top. We do not have any desire to have unsightly power lines and their holding towers obstructing or being any part of this scenery. The transportation of this electricity will negatively impact our community with absolutely no benefits.

Most electrical engineers will honestly attest to the fact that wind energy is unsightly to collect (besides deadly to migratory birds), and very difficult to transport. The cost of this project verses the benefits appear to be greatly out of balance. I really don't want to see the Wyoming citizens, and most likely all working US citizens, being forced to help fund this project due to the fact that it will only benefit Rocky Mountain Power and a few communities, and then have such a negative impact on our environment.

If the project must go through please avoid routing this monstrosity anywhere near our community.

Sincerely,

Joyce Key

501 Hilltop Dr

Rangely, CO

Map 63 #04739



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Name: Earonie Lambert Date: _____
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: Moan Dance Ranch Self
 Mailing Address: 2754 W 2935th City: W.V.C. State: WY Zip: 84119
 Telephone (optional): 901-975-0687

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed) Parcel #14 00-0035-0030
Our 40 acre, is a very diverse with three
regions. There is one flat plateau on
the property for building a cabin. This
is under flow wanted to put power
lines. This makes our property unusable
worthless to us. We purchased the
property to build a cabin.

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Sec 24+25
T 13S, R 5E
S-L B-M

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Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: Jack McAllister Date: 6-1-2011
 Title: President Organization that You Represent: Fairview Land & Livestock
 Mailing Address: 135 W HOBAN City: W. Pleasant State: WY Zip: 82405
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Rocky Mountain Power needs to be
aware of a Snake Water Conservation
District I project, designated
The Narrows project planned
for sections 24+25, T 13S, R 5E
S-L B-M, which probably will
cause some relocation of the
Transmission line at the top of
Fairview Canyon. Contact the
water district Secretary David Cook
at moab, Utah.

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Cheyenne, WY 82003

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Please Print Clearly

Name: Nonie Montgomery + Randy Montgomery Date: 5/10/11
 Title: Owner Organization that You Represent: Montgomery Livestock Self
 Mailing Address: PO Box 1160 City: Dixon State: WY Zip: 82232
 Telephone (optional): (307) 383-2743

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

Area 07 12N 90W Map 35 We have concerns
that this route will be running through the ranches
my meadows and pastures, eliminating farm ground,
reducing land value and possibly causing harm to
animals. It also appears to be fairly close to the
ranches houses.

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P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: Uwe Paul Mudrow Date: June 1, 2011
 Title: Partner Organization that You Represent: Edelweiss Investment LLP Self
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 403 City: Mt Pleasant State: UT Zip: 84647
 Telephone (optional): 435-462-0334

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

Parcels 12928 and 12929 T14S R4E Section 36

- 1) Proposed route is centerlined right through my property. Home on centerline is 2 years old - 3,500 square feet, valued at \$450,000.
- 2) Have authorization to subdivide for residential use
- 3) Planned 1,500-foot landing strip on east side of property - would be impacted by power line towers

I strongly (without reservations) oppose that proposed route which could destroy my property USE and VALUE.

X Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

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 P.O. Box 21150
 Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Please Print Clearly

Name: Gregg and Victoria Olson Date: May 12, 2011
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: self Self
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

- The north route (Link W29) will be passing over the Fort Steele Historical Site at Section 23 T21N R85W.
- There are nesting eagles in Section 24 T21N R85W.
- We have a water well and reservoir in Section 24 T21N R85W.
- The historical site of former Tie Town (Carbon) is located at Section 24 T21N R85W.
- Our home is located at Section 24 T21N R85W.
- I would hate to hear the humming of the transmission line from my home, barn, or recreation sites.
- We think the aesthetics of the power lines would negatively impact our property. We bought to enjoy the views and freedom of a natural environment.
- We are concerned about the fish in the North Platte River.
- We are extremely concerned about the health issues these lines impose.

We prefer that the transmission line follow a route other than Link W29 for the reasons stated above.

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Submittal 87

Richard and
 Evelyn Ott
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GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

To

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06/30/2011 03:27
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Comments on Proposed Routes

Comments from:

Richard and Evelyn Ott
 396 State Highway 13
 Meeker, CO 81641

Tel: 970 824 6939

Dear Si rs:

We are landowners on one of the proposed routes. The route that would concern us is marked C102 on your public scoping map, and is the most eastern route between Craig and Meeker. Our property can be found on Map # 53 - Map ID #17187 and # 04467. Areas of special concern to us are Sections 14, 15, and 22 in T3N, R93W.

Our concerns are as follows:

- Our property is located in a scenic, but very narrow valley. There is already existing right-of-ways for a fiber optic line, a telephone line, and a local powerline. If you add the area used by Highway 13 to this, there isn't a lot of our ground left unaffected.
- A transmission line running through our property, or even on a nearby visible ridge, would devalue our property.
- A large part of our income is derived from taking hunting clientele. The construction of this transmission line and the necessary roads would adversely affect the elk and deer movement in the area and be detrimental to our family income. The subsequent use of the roads or helicopters to maintain the line, if done at a critical time, may also be detrimental to natural game movement.
- There are 5 sizeable slides on our property. These are all located in draws to the east of Highway 13, two in Section 14, and three in Section 22. Though the major damage was done in the spring of 1983, there is still instability in these slides as evidenced by disruption of vegetation and ground cracking. There is also one other area on our property that we know of, where no sliding has taken place, but cracking is present. We would be more than happy to give any representative of your group a guided tour of these areas.

In conclusion, we would like to state our opposition to the C102 route of the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project. We believe that this project is probably very necessary, and would provide power to millions. It makes sense to us for that reason to locate it primarily on the public land already owned by the "millions".

We thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Richard and Evelyn Ott

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Please Print Clearly

Name: Tori and Jeff Pack Date: June 1, 2011
Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
Mailing Address: 20540 North 9460 East City: Mt. Pleasant State: Ut Zip: 84647
Telephone (optional): 801-601-5996

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

13117 and 13118 Map 74

Concerns:

- 1) Irrigated hay fields
- 2) Animals grazing in pasture
- 3) Proximity of my home - effects of EMF on my land and livestock
- 4) Health of family and pets

X Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

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Please Print Clearly

Name: Winfield Pankey Date: 5/17
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
 Mailing Address: 339 County Road 29 City: Craig State: _____ Zip: 81625
 Telephone (optional): 970-824-6428

Comments refer to Map #41, ID 17281, 16934 and 16862

Some of that area is CRP ground, some of it is in hay land and part of it pastured. If the line is put there it will split the land in half and ruin the whole of it. I am one hundred percent against the alternative that goes through this land.
It would be a lot better to go further west of this area. One of the people at the land board talked about an alternative map (#7). Have land out west, would not object to that area being impacted, it is sagebrush pasture.

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Submittal 90

veronica Pell To
 <veronicasc7@hotmail.com> <gatewaysouth_wymail@blm.gov>,
 <constructionprojects@pacificcorp.com>
 06/22/2011 03:15 PM cc
 PM bcc

Subject
 Public Comment on the Gateway South
 Transmission Line Project

To whom it may concern,

The Gateway South Transmission Line Project is extremely needed for the general economic health of so many communities. Everything we can do to make us more energy efficient should be done. Being able to easily utilize clean natural gas and wind energy is important. Many energy sources will be able to utilize this line. We need to be able to export our energy.

Again, we need to move closer and closer to energy independence. Our vote is yes to a rapid building of the Gateway South Transmission Line.

Curtis & Veronica Pell
 812 Scarlet Drive
 Rawlins WY 82301
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c/o
Attn: Tamara Gertsch
Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Please Print Clearly

Name: Paul Percival Date: May 24, 2011
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: private citizen Self
 Mailing Address: see sign in sheet City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

I am the landowner of map parcel numbers 10361 (Section 33 T2S R3W), 10835 (Section 3 T3S R3W), 10873 (Section 1), and 10766 (Section 12) – Links U420. I support the elimination of this route recommended by Rocky Mountain Power. However, if this route were selected, I am concerned about transport of weeds by construction and maintenance equipment. I am a rancher, and weed proliferation would impact my operations. There is an existing transmission line (owned by Deseret Generation) running through my property. After construction of this line, there was a substantial increase of weeds left in the right-of-way. I am still battling the weeds. Deseret Generation has not accepted responsibility and treated the weeds. Thus, if this route is selected (through my property) I request specific details regarding weed control during and after construction be outlined for private property owners. An additional request is that Rocky Mountain Power work directly with the property owner to ensure that gates and fencing are managed so that no livestock or other property are lost or damaged/injured.

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Name: Rich Phillips Date: Thur 5/19/11
 Title: _____
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 292 City: Whitewater State: CO Zip: 81527
 Telephone (optional): 970-260-0155

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

For 25 years we have not done anything, except "fall down" maintenance. Must start to build transmission lines, move from investment in generation of power only to reliable transmission. In Colorado alone we need over 1000 miles of transmission line on the eastern slope.

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June 26, 2011

Jason Pieczonka
9252 River Otter Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Energy Gateway South Project
Attn: Tamara Gertsch
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Re: Public Comment on Gateway South Project

Dear Ms. Gertsch:

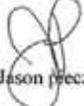
Please be advised that I am an owner of property (identified on the Gateway South Project Map #58 as 00-0035-09898.) by which Rocky Mountain Power has proposed to place transmission lines in Duchesne, UT. The proposed path will directly affect the property rights of at least ten other owners, and indirectly affect the use and enjoyment of hundreds of others in the Silver Moon and Moondance Ranch properties.

This same proposed route would take transmission lines near an elk management area and adversely impact wildlife in the area. Further east on this proposed line, the transmission lines would cross the Ouray refuge, negatively impacting the local and migratory bird population, which make use of this refuge.

I ask that Rocky Mountain Power reconsider the proposed transmission line, and choose a different route, to mitigate/avoid the economic and environmental impacts identified above.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Jason Pieczonka

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Submittal 94

"Stan"
<yobossm@ubtane
t.com>

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<yobossm@ubtane.com>.

<Rawlins_WYMail@blm.gov>

Transwest Transmission Lines

To

cc

Subject

I understand we, as a nation, need the power lines, but to steal the land and real estate from those who can least afford the cost, is wrong!
I went to the local meeting and the Transwest Rep told me this was a done deal, so my comments will mean nothing. The EPA report fails to state how the farmers will suffer at the theft of their property. It fails to state at what distance from the power line that real estate values will be affected.
Again, I understand we, as a nation, need the power from the lines, but why not share the power with the States it crosses? Why not preserve the real estate value by putting the lines underground? The argument here is the cost. Transwest wants it to be cheaper and that is at the expense of everyone who has real estate in the area the lines will cross. The fact is the lines, in most cases, could be underground, and in the long run would cost less. Construction cost would be higher to start, but look at the safety issues here. Keep the lines out of the weather. And, what about terrorists or war? Above ground the lines are

vulnerable to all kinds of attacks. We just saw in Japan what happens when electrical power is lost. We need the power, but we also need the farmer and the farmer needs his land. Transmission lines have been an issues in school zones. The farmer, his family and livestock are okay to put under the power lines? I don't think so.

Stan Larson
HC 64 Box 155-10
Bridgel and, UT 84021
435.646.3554

Rocky Mountain Power:

April 11, 2011

Thank you for allowing us to comment on the Gateway South Transmission Project.

We own land in Township 3 South Range 103 West, Rio Blanco County, Colorado. These rangelands are critical to our production of beef. At the present time our ranch is researching bringing irrigation to the most suitable acres within these parcels. In the event Rocky Mountain builds the segment #195 going southwest from Rangely, Co. we ask you to move the right of way south and east to avoid our property. There are county roads in the vicinity to accommodate access to the project.

We note in addition to our property the segment #195 as proposed goes through several pieces of private property on its way south. There are homes, livestock facilities, improvements and irrigated parcels on some of these acreages. With most of the area in western Rio Blanco and Garfield Counties being BLM lands, Rocky Mountain Power should be able to avoid all privately owned lands.

How much additional costs will be incurred if the long line (#195, 196, etc. south of Rangely, Colorado through Green River, Utah to Price, Utah) is the chosen route? Have you considered the steep, rough, unstable terrain you will be crossing with this line? What about fire? The area south of Rangely and west to Utah is contributing salinity to the White, Green and Colorado rivers as there are many places with closed canopy pinyon-juniper trees with lack of understory which is necessary to slow down erosion and salinity. At this time this part of Rio Blanco county is being considered as a "let burn wildfire area".

After studying the viable alternatives, we recommend the following segments inside Colorado's borders going to the area around Bonanza, Utah. # W411, C31, C61, C175, C186, C187 and U241. Rocky Mountain should not cross White River in Utah. Stay north crossing the Green River near Ouray, Utah. This is a more direct route to your destination. Since both Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties are over 75% public lands, we ask that this power line be placed on BLM lands wherever possible. People feel they can tolerate big power lines if they are not in sight of the cities and towns or do not interfere with our food production.

We hope the Bureau of Indian Affairs can expedite a timely approval of the segment of the line that crosses the Uintah Reservation.

The cutting edge technology in electric current transmission calls for a small metallic filament inside flexible tubing surrounded by a gaseous substance. This tubing can be buried and allows transport of extremely high voltage. Is this something that should be considered since you are talking about providing electricity for many years into the future?

Will this project replace some or all of the nuclear power plants already servicing demand in the Southwest?

Sincerely,



Dave D. Robertson
Twin Buttes Land Co., LLC
P.O. Box 323
Rangely, Colorado 81648

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Name: Eric Ross Date: 5-24-11 Title: Organization that You Represent: Self [X] Mailing Address: 2828 S 125 E City: Roosevelt State: UT Zip: 84066 Telephone (optional): 435-823-3056 435-646-3157

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I strongly recommend Deletion of the Gateway South Project. I own a home that is directly in line with the center of the Corridor. I also have just purchased property in same corridor to build another future home. That property is connected to other property owned by my father. He is relying on subdividing his property so that he will be able to retire. The fact that most people are afraid of living by such high voltage lines makes it affect the value of my current home as well as my future home. It seems to me that if you ran the power line further South - (U402 or U401) it would be more economically feasible and would have little or no impact on home owners since it would primarily run through desert areas. The Gateway South Project is the most populated area of all choices and therefore affects alot of people. Please remove this option. Thank You for your consideration - My location is Map 46 #10158

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Name: Jerry Ross Date: 5-24-11 Title: Organization that You Represent: Self [X] Mailing Address: 2781 So State City: Roosevelt State: UT Zip: 84066 Telephone (optional): 435-646-3057

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

This route puts my place between an existing power line and the proposed line to come. This would ruin the value of my property which I would like to subdivide in the near future. If both lines went down in the area I would not be able to escape safely. This is aggravated by sprinkler systems even a further safety hazard in my opinion. To go South through less populated area seems to be a wiser route. Looks even to be shorter route in our all distance. I know there is a lot of concern on the effects of being close to power lines as a place of residence, but there must be some concern so the route south at this line should be a better way safety wise from some accident or fire storm to cause a down line on lines.

No!!! map 46 10148 10750 10754 10150 10751

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Name: Keith Ross Date: 5-24-11 Title: Organization that You Represent: Self [X] Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1014 City: Roosevelt State: UT Zip: 84066 Telephone (optional):

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed) concerning Map 46 Lot # 10749 I am against this line. Due to the residential area this line will cover, it will also affect the growth of Roosevelt city toward the south. There are many homes in this area that I believe will pose a danger to. There is already a transmission line just north of this corridor, if there ever is a problem that both lines had issues and fell it would trap my house along with many others as my exit route. I believe the best route according to the map is (U402) just south of Roosevelt and Milton city, this area is Dosholt Desert and will affect no residences. Property value for future residences will go way down during the value of my property and many others. This corridor has many sprinkler lines that any pipeline would make it near impassable for irrigation. I also do not believe these high voltage lines come with no health issues or problems. I see you the BLM have already proposed elimination along with Rocky mountain power you have my vote for elimination to the Galt way south project. Much of this area is proposed for subdivision, this project will make all our property virtually useless - please go South, in the Desert.

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Name: ORAN - Amy RUNDBERG Date: 6/2/11 Title: Organization that You Represent: Self [X] Mailing Address: PO Box 1482 City: MEEKER State: CO Zip: 81641 Telephone (optional): (970) 878-3515

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed) After attending the public scoping meeting in Craig on May 17, and seeing the site-rak route proposal of C162, I strongly disagree. I am a resident of Meeker and after living in NW Co all my life. I feel this route would not only have an environmental impact (such as land stability, disturbance of pine forest/grazing land) but also to our wildlife migration route. A large portion of the NW Colorado Elk herd migrates through the Meeker/Hamilton area. The transmission project is to serve the people, so it should be on the peoples land (BLM) as much as possible and not on the majority of private. I would recommend route C166, C175 to C161. arundberg@hotmail.com

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Submittal 100

Chris.Schmidt@Unicous.com

04/14/2011 08:35 AM

To
GateWaySouth_WYMail@gov%RBC@regalbeloit.com,
GateWaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

cc

bcc

Subject
Energy Gateway South Project -
Argyle Canyon

To whom it may Concern,

I have seasonal property located down Argyle Canyon in a side canyon called Deer Canyon and I have a Cabin on this property. My only means of power is via a generator.

I am curious that with the new project, if there is any way that we could be provided power for the cabins in Argyle Canyon? The existing transmission line passes through and over Argyle Canyon.

I look forward to your response.

Christopher Schmidt

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I greatly appreciate the response. I was told when I bought the property that power would NEVER be ran into this area for distribution, but I am an optimist (today) and am getting tired of buying generators.

Thanks again,

Christopher Schmidt

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From: "Rhianna Riggs" <RRiggs@epgaz.com>
To: <schmidt@unicous.com>
Cc: <tgertsch@blm.gov>, "Cindy Smith" <CLSmith@epgaz.com>, "Chris Smith" <CSmith@epgaz.com>
Date: 04/15/2011 11:30 AM
Subject: Energy Gateway South Project - Argyle Canyon information request

Good afternoon Mr. Schmidt,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Energy Gateway South Project. I wanted to let you know that we are forwarding your request for additional information to Rocky Mountain Power. They are best equipped to explain why these connections to a EHV line are not available and they will also explain if there are other options in that area.

Thank you,

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Name: Donna and George Schneider Date: May 12, 2011 Title: Organization that You Represent: self Self [] Mailing Address: Ft. Steele Route City: Rawlins State: WY Zip: 82301 Telephone (optional):

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

-I request that the BLM consider the route in Carbon County currently proposed by BLM for elimination from detailed consideration in the area from Elk Mountain to the Baggs area (Links W19 and W20) because new corridors will be needed at some point and not every project can use the existing corridors. I understand that new transmission lines are needed but believe we need new corridors to support energy development in Wyoming. -I don't support routing the transmission line in the Ft. Steele area (Link W29) because it is already a very congested area (existing and proposed power lines, especially considering the separation required between the lines). -There are nesting bald eagles on islands in the North Platte River (Link W29) that should be avoided. -I am very concerned about effects of EMF on health and environment. I don't believe that the research is not conclusive. We already live near an existing power line.

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Name: Cory & Vickie Shaw Date: June 1, 2011 Title: Organization that You Represent: Landowner Self [] Mailing Address: 20835 N. 8980 East City: Mt. Pleasant State: UT Zip: 84647 Telephone (optional): 801-450-6424

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Map 74 Parcels 13084, 13163, 13165 are owned by us. Map # 13084 has a new home and barn, is irrigated farmland, appraised value \$500 000, horses and cows, and we want to preserve these things. Also for the general health and welfare of those of us who live there year round. There is also an eagle refuge from October to March approximate 20 birds and endangered spotted frogs live here. 13163 and 13165 is a minor subdivision with two building lots, please consider moving the proposed project south. The current line is already on my property.

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Submittal 103

Michael A. Smith
<Pearl@uwyo.edu>

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To

cc

04/15/2011 04:54 PM

bcc

Subject

Gateway South Transmission Line
Project in Wyoming, Colorado and
Utah

I am generally in favor of this project for it's many development prospects for renewable energy in Wyoming. My recommendation on siting is that it should follow the shortest route that can be achieved while following the existing linear features that are already developed, ie. Roads, pipelines, transmission lines. It should minimize traversing of particularly sage grouse habitats because of the impacts of overhead structures on sage grouse occupancy.

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Name: Patricia S Smith Date: 6/1/11
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: Don Smith Family Trust Self
 Mailing Address: RR1 Box 155 City: Fairview State: Ut Zip: 84629
 Telephone (optional): 435-427-9473

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

An unpopulated area should be highly considered.
The lines look like they will go right over houses
where they cross Milburn Road in Milburn.

The new grid will have little affect on the existing
dirty power that is controlled by local power companies.
until the existing grid addresses the problem we will
never be able to get clean power.

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Landowners of Lobo Lot 7
In Argyle Canyon, Duchesne County, UT
John and Monica Spehler
1678 E. Woodglen Rd.
Sandy Ut. 84092
801-619-9876

BLM Wyoming State Office
Attn: Gateway South Project
PO Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Concerning the proposed route of the Gateway South Transmission Project, we as landowners are OPPOSED to the alternate route running along Argyle Canyon Road. Argyle Canyon is a beautiful recreational area for hunters, ATV riders, rock art explorers and *hundreds* of cabin owners.

Our 40 acre tract of land lies directly in the path of one of these proposed routes. This land is precious to us. It is our home away from home. We have spent considerable time, effort and money improving this cabin property over the past 12 years.

Huge power lines crossing our land would ruin our enjoyment of our private property and that of all the other cabin and land owners along this proposed route. And it would greatly depreciate everyone's property value. The golden eagles and other raptors nesting in the high cliffs would be greatly affected as well.

With so much land in rural Utah being ripped up for oil and gas exploration, we need peaceful places like Argyle Canyon to be left alone.

We wish to enter this letter of protest into the official record. There are less obtrusive routes available.

We urge Rocky Mountain Power to remove the alternate route down Argyle Canyon as a whole and our land in particular from their proposed transmission line plans.

Sincerely,
John Spehler

John Spehler 5/31/11

Monica Spehler

Monica Spehler 5/31/11

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John Spehler

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Name: Stephen Stanton Date: 6-2-11
Title: Organization that You Represent: Self
Mailing Address: 4921 So 4095 W City: Kearns State: UT Zip: 84118
Telephone (optional): 801-418-1848

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We own land at Crescent Jct. Utah
Township 71S Range 29E Section 33 the Eastern Northern side
of 33 and it is projected to come through our property.
we propose you stay to the north of this section
on sections 28 + 29 which are BLM properties.
we have had the state take land for highway
6, the railroad, highway 70, the current power lines
and we feel for once we should get some
considerations.
Also we think the northern routes through
Bannock and across to helper have got to be
far less costly to Rocky Mt power and surely
would be a better route.

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Submittal 107

Steve Stanton To
<ski sta@mail.com> GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov cc
> 04/05/2011 03:37 bcc
PM Subject
Gateway South project

My Name is Stephen Stanton and I am a property owner at Crescent Junction, Utah which is on I-70 where highway 191 to Moab Utah intersects. this is a proposed alternate route right through the most valuable piece of land my brothers and cousins own. My Grandmother and her sister homesteaded this piece of land and the sections next to it that the wimmers and langes own who are also cousins, first the railroad took land then the state of the original highway 6 then for I-70, then the blm allowed 10 million tons of uranium tailings to be literally buried on land that is adjacent to ours, ruining our value on our land and now you propose a 250 foot right away on the remaining portion that will cut right through the most valuable piece left. To say the least myself and my 2 brothers and 3 cousins that own section 33 and other cousins that own section 34 and 35 are outraged that you once again are considering this land grab by Rocky Mountain Power ! We feel we have given enough to the BLM and The State, please select another route, like the Duchesne corridor to the north.

Thank you !

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c/o
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Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

To submit comments via email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Please Print Clearly

Name: Darren L. Stanton Date: 6/2/11
 Title: Land Owner Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
 Mailing Address: 6090 West Miner's Mesa City: West Jordan State: UT Zip: 84084
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

As a landowner at Consent Junction, I would request that the BLM ~~stop~~ the transmission line north of our property and on BLM land. Over several years our properties have been divided by the Railroad, The highway, and I-70. Taking the line through our property would further reduce our usable land and decrease the value. Our Properties are located on Map #88 area numbers 00127, 00128, 1180.

Thank you for all of the information!

88 00127, 00128

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Name: Brett Stewart Date: May 24, 2011
 Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: _____ Self
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I'm a landowner in Argyle Canyon (Argyle Creek frontage) in Duchesne County. I have four lots (Lots 42, 43, 44, and 45 - Duchesne County records). My parcel numbers per Rocky Mountain Power are map parcel nos. 9460 and 9459 (per RMP map 69). This is a vacation property.

The proposed transmission line (Link U400/U401) would run my Lot 42. An existing transmission line already runs through this Lot 42 (owned by Moonlake Electric). In general, I support the proposed transmission line. However, I would prefer that another route be selected. However, if this route is ultimately selected, I strongly request that Rocky Mountain Power span the distance of my lots to avoid tower placement on my property or at least locate the tower structures as close to the property boundary as possible (which is a 1400-foot span), to reduce devaluation of my property. This also would make any impact on property values more equal among property owners, instead impacting only one property owner (i.e., myself bearing all the impacts on property value). Also, I request if this route is selected that the structures through and within the viewshed of Argyle Estates be made of self-weathering steel to reduce visual impacts. I've owned the property for 15 years and have finalized plans, and have a permit, to build a vacation cabin on the property that would be facing in the direction of the proposed power line. The proposed powerline would be located about 300 feet to the east of this cabin and would obstruct my views from this property. Please consider these recommendations if this route is selected: they would be very important to the mountain property.

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Subject: Forwarded from Gateway South Mailbox

Submittal 111

Sandra Swasey <ssswasey@gmail.com>	GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov	To
		cc
05/15/2011 09:23 PM		bcc
	Transmission Project	Subject

Subject: Forwarded from Gateway South Mailbox

Sandra Swasey <ssswasey@gmail.com>	GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov	To
		cc
05/27/2011 06:53 PM		bcc
	Re: Transmission Project	Subject

 History:
 This message has been replied to.

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We were unable to attend the May meeting in Fairview but plan to be at the June 1 meeting in Mt. Pleasant. I would like to comment on one of the routes being considered for this project. I have been trying to interpret the map as to the location of one of the alternative routes. It is unclear on the map but I have been told that one of proposed routes being considered goes right through Milburn, north of Fairview in the north end of Sanpete County. Would you please advise us if this is correct. This area is considered one of "the most beautiful" places to live in Sanpete county. It is a peaceful little valley whose property values would certainly be impacted if these giant power lines were installed. The proposed lines would also be very close to our home and for health reasons we strongly oppose it. I would have no difficulty getting a petition of every resident in Milburn in opposition to these power lines. Would the petition be appropriate for the June 1 meeting? With all the open area available, such as Spanish Fork Canyon (which already has power lines), why are you considering this inhabited valley. Please drop the Milburn area from any proposed route--
 Thank you, Vernon and Sandra Swasey
 28848 North 11170 East Milburn Road
 Fairview UT 84629

Thank you for your response--I certainly plan to be at the meeting in Mt. Pleasant next Wednesday--in the meantime, I plan to do some research on the health factors related to these high voltage lines because the route through Milburn is very close to my house-- ss

On Fri, May 27, 2011 at 6:07 PM, <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>wrote:
 Dear Sandra:

Thank you for your comment. It would seem most appropriate to come to the meeting in Mt. Pleasant and see the routes definitely shown in relation to the property you describe. We will certainly enter this comment into the public record, but believe you might be better able to make a decision about a petition after you saw exactly where all of the alternatives being considered are located. It will be much easier to see on the large maps we will have available at the meeting and a google earth flyover of all the routes. We will certainly accept any additional comments you wish to submit.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Tamara Gertsch
 National Project Manager



Submittal 114

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Name: Dean Visintainer Date: 5/17 Title: Organization that You Represent: Self Mailing Address: City: State: WY Zip: Telephone (optional):

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

He is interested in the area around C31 to C61 going East, all 3 cross their property. The deer and elk migrate between Maybell (8-9 miles north for 6 miles) East and West of County Road 19 5 Sage Grouse use this area. Mr. V The one to the west is less intrusive, they are all unsightly, he wants to see the least intrusive to his property of the 3 alignments. Part of his livelihood (sheep) will be impacted, he has a permit on BLM land.

(transcribed from Mr. Visintainer by Lani Eggertsen-Goff)

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Name: C. Wagstaff Date: 26 JUN 11 Title: Organization that You Represent: Self Mailing Address: PO Box 100 City: Fairview State: WY Zip: 82429 Telephone (optional):

2011 JUN -1 AM 10:00 RECEIVED 001-BLM CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Sir, 1) I am okay and will get my land for end of life care, with this power unit on my property, I will not be able to sell for a fair price. People in my area will choose not to live on land with this unit. I live in California for most of my life and it is a mess. 2) Why can you not add on to the spanish fork canyon towers, they are already in place. 3) Why can you not use land already dedicated to gas lines. I live in Milbourn on a small farm.

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Name: Rolf Walpole Date: May 26, 2011 Title: Organization that You Represent: Self x Mailing Address: 1185 West 2200 South City: Mapleton State: ut Zip: 84664 Telephone (optional): 801-360-8436

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I am representing myself and land owned on the North Nephi Exit. Link U-640 and U-650 (see property number 11403 on Map 66) on the proposed route would impact my property. My main concern is the detriment to the commercial development value of the property. I would propose moving the footprint of the tower further away from the freeway exit due to the commercial development value of the property. Normally property in proximity to a freeway exit sells for a dollar amount per square foot rather than a dollar amount per acre. Therefore the cost of this property could be substantial. Also another concern is the visual quality of the property. Where the tower is proposed to be located is on the higher point of the property, therefore it would be more visible and an eyesore which would be a detriment to the entire community. Compensation would be required for the commercial value of the property. The way the property is laid out, I am concerned about the right-of-way access because the only roads in that area are state roads.

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Please Print Clearly

Name: Sherry Weber Date: May 10, 2011 Title: Organization that You Represent: self Self Mailing Address: box 321 City: Baggs State: WY Zip: 82321 Telephone (optional): 307-383-7857

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Please keep all proposed powerlines in one corridor. I have been following the different proposals and see that there are various corridors. I prefer the use of the pipeline corridor west of Highway 789. This is the pipeline that goes from Rifle to the Interstate. Please keep the powerlines out of viewsheds and away from communities. I would prefer to keep the transmission lines away from my land and away from homes. Thank you.

Blank lines for additional comments

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XXX (YES) Please add me to the mailing list for preparation of this environmental impact statement

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leearlene@aol.com
05/14/2011 07:52 AM

GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov,
ConstructionProjects@pacificcorp.com,
Carol.Mellinger@FMR.com

To
cc
bcc

Submittal 118

Subject
Actual Wind Energy - 2010 - South
Mesa - Duchesne UT

Those Concerned:

This analysis was completed because of the telephone calls and E-mails, earlier this Spring with:

- Rocky Mountain Power
- Pacific Corp, Gateway South Project
- BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, WY
- FIML Natural Resources, LLC

It concerns the State of Wind Energy, on the South Mesa, Cottonwood Ridge, Duchesne, Utah and the proposed Gateway South Power Transmission Project. The two are actually strongly interconnected. My goal here is to make available real data which should have impact of the final decisions. It concerns the Transmission System from Vernal, past Duchesne, to Price, UT

This is actually a very complicated and highly technical subject and my attempt here to make this seem simple and easy to understand. Bear with me, this E-mail will strive to keep to that undertaking.

Background:

- I have actual data of the Wind and its characteristics for this area:
- I have detailed analysis reducing this data into statistical values, power and cost numbers
- This data is based on thousands of observations, since 2008
- The actual analysis amounts to
 - : 12 Raw Data Pages for Year 2010
 - : 24 Pages of actual calculations
 - : 3 Pages of Summary Analysis of Year 2010
 - : Several, I class I cost estimates:

I can back up everything I write here with hard data and detailed analysis

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ACTUAL WIND VALUES. for 2010

Month	Days	Hours	Mean Wind 5.41 mph	Hours at Wind Speed 4,025.04 mph-h	Power Produced*	January 31	744hr
February	28	672	6.19	4,159.68	15,891.65 kW-h		
March	31	744	10.96	8,154.24	17,687.9		
April	30	720	12.57	9,050.4	30,284.05		
May	31	744	11.96	8,898.24	76,021.35		
June	30	720	9.93	7,149.6	76,856.25		
July	31	744	9.62	7,157.28	31,189.8		
August	31	744	10.08	7,499.52	32,237.7		
Sept.	30	720	9.50	6,840.0	35,651.65		32,294.0
October	31	744	8.69	6,465.36			23,751.75.
Nov.	30	720	9.39	6,760.8			
December	31	744	7.63	5,676.72	31,355.95		
Totals:	365	8,760 hr		81,836.88 mph-h	421,711.9 kW-h		

* The estimated power was calculated using the actual power curve for a 18 NesWind 46 500kW Wind Turbine

MONTHLY MEANS AND EPW for 2010, South Mesa, UT

Month	Monthly Mean	Equiv. Power Wind **	January 5.41 mph
February	6.19	9.94	10.96
April	12.57	14.01	11.96
June	9.93	10.92	9.62
August	10.08	11.18	9.50
October	8.69	10.26	9.39
December	7.63	9.84	

*** The Equivalent Power Wind was calculated using the actual wind spectrum for that month and using the actual power curve for the NesWind 500, the power generated was found and summarized for that month. Once the estimate total power was found, the hours per month was used to find the EPW.

Using the Wind Mean and the EPW and the monthly hours, the Yearly Mean and EPW was calculated:

The 2010 Wind Averages

The Annual Mean Wind Wm = 9.34 mph For Cottonwood Ridge, Duchesne, UT

Equivalent Power Wind EPW = 11.19 mph "

Based on The Actual Power curve, such winds produce

Pmean = 148,394.4 kW-h

Pepw = 421,711.9 kW-h

Thus, using the mean was in error by 65% for this time and place.

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The actual wind around Duchesne has been tracked since 2008 using on-line weather resources. These include:

- AccuWeather.com
- The Weather Channel, weather.com
- Interactive Weather, weatherforyou.com

These sampling average 3 to 5 sampling each day. Once the wind speeds were found for each day, the average wind for the month and a wind spectrum (from calm to 46 mph) was built, based on the mean, hours of calm and gusts winds, was calculated. Everything had to check and balance. (This is usually done with computer, I chose to simplify and do one hand calculation). My accuracy is judged to be within 5% and could be used for a programmer to model a computer program to produce technically proper results.

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The economics of a wind farm is based on the PPA (Purchases Power Agreement) and actual technical limitations of the grid and local transmission line.

The existing powerline is a 20,000 volt AC, 110kW, 3 phase line and the Proposed Gateway South Transmission line that would pass by this area would be a 30,000 volt AC, 600 kW, 3 phase transmission line. The kind of wind farm to service these two grid networks would be totally different.

For the Gateway South Transmission Line, I would look at using seven SAIP AH 100 kW, or the Blue Sky 100kW, or the Northwind 100 for a windfarm. The kind and number and the actual power generation system would be based on the actual PPA agreed to.

Also, a cost analysis would be based the specs of the PPA.

I of course have done several scenarios, but that is beyond the scope of this E-mail. Trust me, the economics are there. It all depends on how serious we are in using wind energy to supplement oil, gas and coal.

Lee R. Williams
Prof. Engr., Ret.
Hesperia, CA



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Name: James Willis Date: 5/26/11 Title: President Organization that You Represent: Mooraduse Prop Owners Self [] Mailing Address: 1180 Bell Castle Circle City: Sandy State: UT Zip: 84094 Telephone (optional): 801-572-6605

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

553 W Duchesne Sections 31, 36, 35, 34 This proposed route goes right through Mooraduse and Silver Moon Subdivisions. I would recommend these lines be placed somewhere other than through the middle of these residential Subdivisions

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4402 - Lot #93 Duchesne - moon da proper

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Name: Naomi Willis Date: 05-26-11 Title: Property owner Organization that You Represent: Moon Ranch Self [] Mailing Address: 1180 Bell Castle Cir City: Sandy State: UT Zip: 84094 Telephone (optional): 801-572-6605

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

My concern is regarding the high wind the wind blows approx 10 plus miles an hour 9 months out of the year. We also have variations of ice and snow. The extreme weather conditions will prevent a possible of high volts. The lots you need to use for your power lines represent 250 plus acres, some of which is the only place to build is right in the center of the purpose route where your poles would be placed. Therefore the homes will have to be built right under the power lines. This will cause high electrical and magnetic fields which research indicates are linked to cancer risk. We intend to start building the summer of 2013. Thank you with

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Submittal 121

Molly Willis
<cutieme62@hotmail.com>
05/01/2011 06:00 PM
To: <constructionprojects@pacificcorp.com>, <gatewayouth_wy@mail.blm.gov>
cc: public input
Subject: public input

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Gateway South
Segment F Aeolus to Mona
#67 Line U625

My name is Tom Willis, I own a cabin in the "Mt. Baldy Estates" along Water Hollow Rd. in Sandpete Co. Utah. There are many other land owners in this same area that would be greatly impacted. I and my family have no problem with people having electrical power but having it in the immediate area is of great concern. Not to mention the loss of property value. There are two, (2) other choices near by that would not impact recreational landowners in the area.

1. There is an existing power corridor running in the area of "Hop Creek." Controlled by sheep and cattle grazing leases. This would parallel (U625).

2. The valley to the East of "Water Hollow" is "Service Berry Hollow" There are no recreational landowners in this area, only sheep and cattle grazing leases.

(U625) would intersect with (U620) or (U638) depending on which valley.

Thank You, Tom Willis
801-754-3010

Also sent to: GatewaySouth_BLM_WYMail@blm.gov
ConstructionProjects@pacificcorp.com



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Please Print Clearly

Name: Hall Wing Date: May 26, 2011
Title: _____ Organization that You Represent: Private land Self X
Mailing Address: PO Box 3100 City: Springville State: UT Zip: 84663
Telephone (optional): 801-489-3684

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

In the Fairview area (near Fairview canyon), on Mr. Wing's property there are springs and agricultural lands that will be impacted by the alternative routes being proposed to be studied. Visual resources are a concern.

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Submittal 123

Elizabeth
Moody/WYSO/WY/BLM
/DOI

08/18/2011 11:44
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To
Tamara Gertsch/WYSO/WY/BLM/DOI@BLM
cc
Subject
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(See attached file: GWS Scoping Comments Capt. Obando.pdf)

Elizabeth Moody
Legal Assistant
Branch of Solid Minerals
Bureau of Land Management
Wyoming State Office
307-775-6200

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Gateway South Transmission Project Public Comment Form

Rocky Mountain Power would like to hear your comments regarding the proposed project. Please return this comment form to the sign-in table or mail it to:

Rocky Mountain Power
Gateway South Transmission Line Project
1407 West North Temple
Room 280
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

BLM COPY -
THANK YOU

You can also submit comments via email or phone:

E-mail: ConstructionProjects@pacifiCorp.com
Message line: 801-220-4221

Please state the project name (Gateway South Transmission Line Project) when submitting your comment to Rocky Mountain Power via telephone or email.

The comments submitted on this form are for Rocky Mountain Power only. In order for your comments to be considered part of the official record, they must be submitted directly to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). (Please see below)

Comments: MAR 74th 12922

IF THE ALTERNATE TRANSMISSION LINE IS
CONSTRUCTED IN THE MT. PLEASANT CORRIDOR (U-630) IT
WILL COST AT LEAST 20 RETIRED & SEMI RETIRED CITIZENS
MUCH OF THEIR LIFE SAVINGS BY GROSSLY DEPRILIATING
THE VALUE OF THEIR LAND, BUILDING & HOMES.

THIS IS JUST ON 19000⁺ ROADWAY THAT NOW HAS 9
COMPOUND HOMES ON ACREAGE. 2 MORE BEING BUILT NOW
AT LEAST 20 IN 3 MORE YEARS.

WE DO NOT WANT TO START OVER AGAIN!!
MOST OF US ARE IN OUR 60^S AND 70^S.

I BELIEVE MOST ARE WILLING TO GO TO LEGAL
WAR WITH THE BLM AND R.M.P.

I TRUST THERE ARE BETTER ROUTES TO USE
THAN U-630

How did you hear about the landowner meeting? (Check one):

- Newsletter TV ad
 Project website Newspaper ad
 Friends or neighbors Other

TO COMMUNICATE.
CAPT M.L. OBAUDO, RET.

Public comments may be submitted to the BLM during the comment period by the following methods:

- Attend one of the BLM public open house meetings listed on the reverse side of this form.
- Email comments to GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov
- Mail comments to the BLM:
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BLM Public Open House Meetings

<p>BLM Public Scoping May 10, 2011 Baggs, WY Valley Community Center 255 West Osborne</p>	<p>BLM Public Scoping May 11, 2011 Rock Springs, WY Rock Springs High School 1375 James Drive</p>	<p>BLM Public Scoping May 12, 2011 Rawlins, WY Rawlins High School 1401 Colorado Street</p>
<p>BLM Public Scoping May 17, 2011 Craig, CO Craig Holiday Inn 300 S. Colorado Highway 13</p>	<p>BLM Public Scoping May 18, 2011 Rangely, CO Western Rio Blanco Recreation Center 611 South Stanolind Ave</p>	<p>BLM Public Scoping May 19, 2011 Grand Junction, CO Central High School 550 Warrior Way</p>
<p>BLM Public Scoping May 24, 2011 Roosevelt, UT Union High School 135 North Union</p>	<p>BLM Public Scoping May 25, 2011 Fort Duchesne, UT Tribal Center 988 South 7500 East</p>	<p>BLM Public Scoping May 26, 2011 Nephi, UT Juab High School 802 North 650 East</p>
<p>BLM Public Scoping May 31, 2011 Price, UT Carbon High School 750 East 400 North</p>	<p>BLM Public Scoping June 1, 2011 Mount Pleasant, UT North Sanpala High School 390 East 700 South</p>	<p>BLM Public Scoping June 2, 2011 Green River, UT Green River High School 745 Pirate Avenue</p>

Tell us how to reach you

Include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail below so we may keep you up to date about this project.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please print information clearly

Name CAPT. MARTIN L. OBANDO MAP 74 #12922
 Address 19185N 11250E PO Box 505
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