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**Subject:** ODOT R5 response to Draft B2H EIS  
**Attachments:** B2H Feb 15 comments.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Attached are comments from the Oregon Department of Transportation Region 5 office regarding the Boardman to Hemmingway Draft EIS. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

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Idaho Power

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

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RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has the responsibility to preserve the operational safety, integrity, and function of state highway facilities. ODOT must also ensure that improvements to the highway system can be accomplished without undue impacts to or damage to utilities within the highway right-of-way. The Department understands that the proposed Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line project could or will interface with state highways by crossing the highway, occupying state highway right of way, running parallel to the highway within the right-of-way, or running parallel to the highway just outside of the right-of-way.

Construction that may impact the State right-of-way is subject to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 374.305 under which no person, firm or corporation may place, build or construct on any State highway right-of-way, any approach road, structure, pipeline, ditch, cable or wire, or any other facility, thing or appurtenance without first obtaining written permission from ODOT. Idaho Power must also meet the requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 734 Division 051 & 055. Idaho Power is required to consult with ODOT Region 5 to ensure that construction plans reflect stipulations and other requirements therein related to construction and future maintenance.

Generally, concern exists where the proposed location of the facility occupies, crosses or connects to state rights of way; or is adjacent to a current or future mining operation on lands owned or controlled by the Agency. ODOT will work with Idaho Power to develop plans and specifications that meet Agency standards for design, construction and maintenance. No work or construction access will be permitted within the I-84 right of way, but both are generally permitted, with restrictions at all other locations. Permits will be issued by the District office where the impact and work will occur.

Coordination with other utilities will be the responsibility of Idaho Power. ODOT District offices can be of assistance by providing information on current permitted utilities within its right of way.

Other federal, state and local permits or clearances are likely to be needed. Idaho Power is responsible to secure these, whether or not they involve Agency property or controlled right of way.

Thank you for allowing ODOT to comment on the proposed development. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,



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