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**Subject:** B2H Comments

Hi, thank you for including us in the process here.

Attached is a letter from the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. regarding the encroachment of the B2H project

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions

Sincerely,

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*We preserve, promote and teach the diverse heritage of Lewis and Clark for the benefit of all people*

March 12, 2015

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RE: Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

Dear Ms. Gertsch:

Thank you for providing the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. (LCTHF) information on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (B2H). We are interested in submitting our comments on this matter, and we appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Project process.

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. is a national organization dedicated to preserving the historic accuracy of the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and protecting the cultural and historic integrity of the landscapes through which the Expedition traveled from 1803-1806. We currently have about 1,200 members organized in 32 local chapters across the country. Our membership comes from all walks of life who share a common passion for passing along the lessons that can be learned from this important era of our nation's history to future generations.

The Lewis and Clark Historic Trail was designated by Congress by the National Trails System Act, (P.L. 90-543, as amended through P.L. 111-11, March 30, 2009). It is one of 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails in the collection of long distance trails in our National Trails Systems. It is 3,700 miles long and is officially recognized from St Louis, Illinois to Fort Clatsop, Oregon.

We have been provided information that the B2H project will affect the Columbia River view shed in the area of the project origin in Boardman, Oregon. Our Chapter has inspected the area of the proposed encroachment of the Columbia River view shed, and we agree that the proposed towers will have an effect on the Columbia River view shed and the scenic resources within the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail corridor .

This portion of the Columbia River is of course an integral part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and as such is entitled to certain protections. In addition to being an integral portion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, there are Expedition campsites in the area at Alder Creek (April 25, 1806) and Long Walk Island (October 19, 1805). There are also several area locations described the by the Expedition of rapids and native settlements.

National Historic Trails were designated *“to provide for the ever-increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and in order to promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of the open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the Nation, trails should be established....”*

Although the historic route followed by the expedition was primarily confined to the river, members of the expedition explored on foot, they camped on shore, and they recorded the sights, sounds, and resources they encountered. All these resources, including the scenic resources within the viewshed, contribute to the overall recreational and historic experience of visitors retracing the trail. Because the B2H towers will clearly affect the visual quality of the scenic resources within the view shed of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, we feel that any and all efforts to mitigate the effect of the towers or other permanent constructed features should be undertaken.

We expect your project analysis for the Boardman to Hemingway B2H Transmission Line to evaluate the impacts of the project on the resources, particularly the scenic resources, within the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail corridor. If you need assistance in your analysis, please contact the National Park Service, which is the administering agency for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Their headquarters is in Omaha, Nebraska.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

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