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I would like to express some thoughts and concerns regarding the proposed Boardman to Hemingway transmission line project.

I understand that the proposed route could cross the remnants of the Oregon Trail, a nationally-designated Historic Trail, up to eleven times. The Trail is a non-renewable cultural resource. If it's destroyed, it's gone forever. It won't come back, to the loss to us, our children and grandchildren.

Has the effect of the proposed route on the Baldock Slough north of Flagstaff Hill in Baker County been appropriately considered?

Completion of the proposed project will open up new public access points on both Forest Service and BLM lands, which will allow access to ATVers and four-wheel enthusiasts.

This work should not be performed during winter months when the ground is wet and soggy.

In the Birch Creek area, it would be preferable to locate the line closer to the interstate, and to make use of lower poles.

Flagstaff Hill is a huge issue. This is a very historic area, where an important visitor center is located. Running a transmission line through this area would seriously impact, in a negative manner, the viewshed of this area. It would be preferable to either bury the line through there, or go with the Timber Canyon alternative.

The Oregon Trail is an important national resource, and is also important to me.

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