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Please see attached Comments. Thank you.

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Bureau of Land Management
B2H Project DEIS
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Dear Ms. Tamara Gertsch:

The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, which represents more than 72,000 Idaho families, is pleased to provide the following comments regarding the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (B2H) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The members of the Idaho Farm Bureau support enhancing electrical infrastructure in our state. Our current policy regarding electrical transmission states: "We support upgrades in transmission and distribution. Routing of utility corridors should be placed on public land first and then to the areas of least impact to private property owners. We support the initiation of on and off ramps in transmission lines within the state of Idaho."

Transmission corridors have been designated on federal lands for the purpose of siting new transmission lines. New transmission lines should always be located within these corridors and should never be located on private property unless absolutely necessary. When the line must cross private land, it should only do so in areas where existing transmission lines exist. The proposed transmission lines must stay within 1/8 of a mile and run parallel to existing lines.

However, if the proposed line must cross an irrigated field and the line would interfere with the irrigation of the field, the line should be located at the edge of the field to minimize loss of use to the landowner.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on the B2H DEIS.

Sincerely,

Frank Priestley, President
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation