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Attached is the response from the Oregon California Trails Association about route recommendations from the maps used in the summary more issues will be addressed in another e-mail.

Thank you,

William Symms

Oregon California Trails Association

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**Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Transmission Line Project
Comment Response Sheet**

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OR1	Summary B2H DEIS			Figure S-2 Longhorn Alternative, Longhorn Variation, and Horn Butte Alternative	Oregon California Trails Association recommends the Longhorn Variation MO4-MO5-MO3 as opposed to the Horn Bute Alternative MO2-MO5-MO3 or the Longhorn Alternative MO4-MO3 and the proposed route MO1-MO2-MO3. The Longhorn Variation eliminates any issues surrounding the Pioneer cemetery and Well Springs Interpretive site and Echo Meadows Interpretive site. Any of the routes cross the Oregon National Historic Trail which is not good as it allows a road way for off road vehicles and opens the door for vandalism that is not currently an issue.	OCTA	William Symms
OR2	Summary B2H DEIS			Figure S-3 Glass Hill Alternative	Oregon California Trails Association recommends the Glass Hill Alternative as opposed to the proposed route. This keeps it away from the Oregon Trail around La Grande and avoids the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area and Wetlands.	OCTA	William Symms
OR3	Summary B2H DEIS			Figure S-4 Timber Canyon, Flagstaff, and Burnt River Mountain Alternatives	Oregon California Trails Association recommends the Timber Canyon Alternative BA1-CL6-CL7-BA4 and is strongly opposed to the proposed route, Flagstaff Rebuild and Flagstaff Alternative BA2-BA5-BA3;BA6-BA7. This route eliminates and issues of issues related to the Oregon National Historic Trail at Flagstaff Hill and Virtue Flats. This is a premier destination for anyone interested in Oregon Trail History and want to be able to experience the trail in its natural setting. It is a powerful experience that will be pretty much destroyed with the use of any route other than Timber Canyon Alternative. It would also eliminate the need for the Burnt River Mountain Alternative BA10-BA11.	OCTA	William Symms
OR4	Summary B2H DEIS			Figure S-5 Willow Creek and Tube Mountain South Alternatives	Oregon California Trails Association recommends the proposed action BA12-BA13-CL8-MA8 as opposed to the Willow Creek Alternative BA13-CL10-MA8 or the Tub Mountain South Alternative BA12-CL11-MA9. The proposed action eliminates any concerns about the Birch Creek ACEC, the Tub Mountain ACEC and Alkali Springs trail related issues. This is a pristine section of the trail and needs to remain the way it is today. It is one of the best places in the State of Oregon to have the vicarious trail experience with adequate setting as well as swales. It must be protected. The second choice would be the Willow Creek Alternative but we oppose the Tub Mountain South Alternative.	OCTA	William Symms
OR5	Summary B2H DEIS			Figure S-6 Double Mountain, Malheur S, and Malheur A Alternatives	Oregon California Trails Association agrees that the proposed action would be fine however, the Malheur S Alternative MA1-MA6-MA5-MA5 would keep it further to the south of the trail as it comes over Keeney Pass.		William Symms

