

## Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

We are writing to inform you we disagree with the alternative route thru Medical Springs and Keating. We are a rural area and have no big electrical lines out here and don't need any. Seems like it would be a lot more expensive to completely place the transmission line in our area. We think you need to stay where there is already big power lines by the freeway or similiar place. It won't be that noticeable there.

A few years ago the Forest Service let a wild fire burn in a wilderness area that took out our watershed. So there's not enough trees to hold the snow very long. We are out of water to irrigate by August except for what we've caught in our reservoirs. We only get one cutting of hay off our fields. If you come here, cut a big swath thru more trees, etc. it would really affect our way of life. We have been on this ranch 57 years; how can you come in here and ruin what we've enjoyed all this time? I don't understand how you can take away our property if you want?

If I remember the map, you want to go through a lot of our property where we run the cattle in the summer time. That area is also an elk habitate with 100 or so living there, birthing and raising their babies. They live within quite a territory on several landowners' properties. You can check with the game commission about this if you need too.

On our Fruit Springs pasture if you place and maintain the transmission line there over many years it would disrupt our cattle. They would be scared out, hanging on the fence corners breaking thru to get home too early. I just don't think you realize the damage it

would do to our ranching community.

I know you've seen this area by plane but it's remote with few roads. Why not come and walk through it and you'll understand why we don't need the transmission line here, plus making our land value go way down.

Thank you,

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P.S. We also have the sage-grouse and wild turkeys in are area.

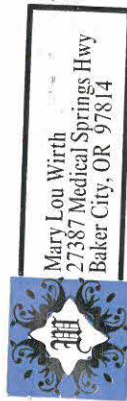


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