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Attached are my comments for the Boardman to Hemingway EIS

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RE: BOARDMAN TO HEMINGWAY DRAFT EIS COMMENTS

I have been a resident of Oregon since 1974. I have always been interested in the history of the state from pre European settlement through the present. The Oregon Trail has been one of the most important events to occur in the development of Oregon as well as most of the western states.

Throughout the time of the trails use, it has been paved over, plowed up and destroyed. Over the last many years, the BLM, Park Service, Forest Service and many other government and private agencies have been working to protect and preserve the remaining portions of the Oregon Trail from further degradation.

The preferred alternative route for the Boardman to Hemingway power line and right of way is scheduled to cross the remaining non destroyed portions of the Oregon Trail eleven times with its 100 foot high towers and wide right of way. The transmission line location will also run parallel to the trail with its towers and right of way in full visibility. The proximity of the transmission line to the Oregon Trail will also open up access for ATVs and four-wheel drive vehicles which will be able to destroy and or damage the existing ruts and swales of the trail.

Every time a piece of the Oregon Trail is damaged or destroyed it is non replaceable and we have lost an important piece of our Nation's history.

I am suggesting you not approve the preferred alternative route for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission line and select an alternative route that does not impact the Oregon Trail.

Thank you for considering my suggestion,

Kim Boddie