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To Whom It May Concern:

We have been leading groups of people across an eight mile portion of the Oregon Trail from La Grande to Hilgard for more than sixty years. Literally hundreds of people have enjoyed the experience of walking in the steps of the pioneers, seeing their grave sites, and hearing stories of the tremendous hardships they endured.

We are concerned about the impact this new power line would make on this environment. Some things need to be preserved, even in the face of progress. The Oregon Trail is a delicate trace of our American history, already nearly 170 years old. It needs to be protected as an important link to our past.

Please consider placing this new line as far from the Oregon Trail as possible, to protect it for our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely yours,



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