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**Subject:** Fwd: B2H route through Baker County

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in the Durkee Valley for my entire life. I grew up on my family's ranch near Durkee, and I am very attached to the land here. My husband and I have been ranching together in Durkee for the last 30 years. The original route proposal, which I have been told has since been removed from consideration due to issues with sage grouse habitat, would have brought the transmission line almost directly over my house. After having reviewed the Burnt River Alternate I don't believe that this alternative is much better than the first one.

Even after all the public meetings and calls for comment, the Burnt River Alternate would still put the transmission line through high-value agricultural land, which is not acceptable. I don't feel that this new route has not been properly studied, and a lot more study needs to be done before it can even be a possible option. Instead I would like to tell you about a modification of that proposed route that was discussed and found much more acceptable by the local Durkee residents at a community meeting late in February 2015. This is that modification as discussed at that meeting:

Beginning at Milepost 2 of the Burnt River Alternate, proceed directly south to the Township 12/Township 13 boundary line.

Follow this line due east to the midpoint of Range 43 E.

Turn precisely southeast until approximately 1.5 miles south of the Range 43 E boundary line.

Turn due east to the existing alternate routing line, connecting to this line at approximately mile 191.5.

This modification to the route would avoid sage grouse habitat along with impacting the smallest amount of private agricultural ground.

Please consider this modification of the Burnt River Alternate carefully, as it will impact the fewest people and the least amount of critical habitat in the area.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Buchanan  
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