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Subject: B2H route through Baker County

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in the Durkee Valley for nearly 40 years, having moved here in 1979. My wife and I have been ranching together in Durkee for 30 of those years. The original route proposal, which has since been scrapped due to issues with sage grouse habitat, would have brought your transmission line almost directly over my house. The new proposed route through Baker County, specifically the Burnt River Alternate, isn't much better.

The new route proposal still, after all the previous comments, puts the transmission line through high-value agricultural land, which is not acceptable. In addition, this new route has not been properly studied, and requires much greater study before it can even be a viable option. That having been said, I would like to bring to your attention 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. To wit:

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 proposed routing would affect the smallest amount of private agricultural property as well as avoiding currently defined sage grouse habitat.

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,

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