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**Subject:** The Route is Unrealistic

It is time for government agencies to get realistic. Citizens who work pay taxes. Those taxes go to support government jobs. It now appears that the folks in those jobs have so little respect for the citizens paying taxes that they will allow a new power line to cross private property where they are not wanted rather than come within a mile or so of a spot where sage grouse once gathered in the spring. I say once gathered because it makes no difference to the BLM or ODFW if the area is still used or not.

I am in favor of protecting sage grouse. I am not in favor of protecting an area where sage grouse may at some time in the future once again gather.

I do not wish to see these power lines in our beautiful Baker Valley. I do not wish to view these power lines from the amazing Oregon Trail Interpretive Center that overlooks our valley. I do wish for the opinion of taxpayers and private landowners to be more important than the needs of non-existent sage grouse.

This line, if really needed, should run across government lands where it will affect as few private citizens as possible or it should be placed underground. The profits that Idaho Power and others stand to reap over the life of the line are phenomenal. Initial cost should not be a consideration.

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