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Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project
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Hi-

We understand that the original Idaho Power Co. proposal only would cross the Old Oregon Trail about 6 times, compared to Eleven times the present proposal would cross the Old Oregon Trail.

So we call for you to return to the original Idaho Power Co. routing of the transmission line--as it's much less destructive to the old Oregon Trail. That routing could be adapted to impact the sage grouse habitat less, as the Old Oregon Trail looks like the sage grouse lek grounds that I've seen in Oregon; so crossing the Old Oregon Trail fewer times could be a win-win for the Trail and for the sage grouse habitat.

And even better, now include consideration of routing along existing power line corridors:

Through Idaho via Snake River Dams and current power lines , and also allow consideration of:

Through Central Oregon, to Burns to Hemingway - current right-of-way.

Sincerely, Kay S. Forsythe and Warren L. Forsythe