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Please find attached a letter regarding the B2H Project Siting in Baker County. Thanks and have a great day.

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March 16, 2015

Bureau of Land Management  
B2H Project  
P.O. Box 655  
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Re: B2H Project Siting  
in Baker County.

Dear Sirs:

My name is Randell C. Guyer, Jr. I am:

1. A 69 year old native of Baker County. My ancestors came across the Oregon Trail.
2. I am a trustee of the Paul Peyron Trust Property; a property you may cross in Baker Valley below the NHOT Interpretive Center.
3. I was the President of the Oregon Trail Preservation Trust when the NHOTI Center on Flagstaff Hill was built and opened. I am a life member of the Oregon California Trails Association and NNOCTA.
4. My wife and I own a 760 wetland project on the Historic Baldock Slough and the Oregon Trail in Baker Valley just west of the proposed line.
5. A practicing CPA and the Managing Partner of the largest CPA firm in North Eastern Oregon.

My first choice is that you site the B2H line to the East of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center or some other route outside of Baker Valley. If you walk to the west hall of the center you will notice that in the first interpretive wall the west wall is glass with a unique view of Baker Valley and the Elkhorn Mountains. In the original plan that large window was not present. The plans were changed at the recommendation of U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield who visited the center under construction and suggested the change because of the significant view below of the Trail and Valley. If you place the line in the Valley it will taint the view from the Interpretive Center. Tourism and the Interpretive Center have a significant economic impact on Baker County and the historical significance of the Center.

If you find that you are to stay with the Baker Valley Route, then I strongly suggest you use micro siting alternatives through Baker County to minimize the emotional and economic impact on private property owners and Baker County. As part of this you should also move the 230 line, an existing Idaho Power line to achieve the best landowner emotional and economic results. The micro routing alternatives applies to Durkee Valley, Gyllenberg, Morris, Trindle, Harrell, Ragsdale, Peyron and Garth properties, etc. as well as others I am not familiar with. It appears the lines could be moved to avoid conflicts with agricultural

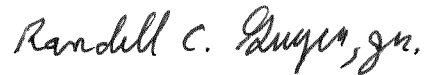
operations and personal and agricultural facilities. The Peyron Trust property is a classic example. It is just the size that allows an economic operation. If you put the line through the East of that farm ground you will have a significant adverse economic impact on the property and the Peyron heirs that live and work there. The same results apply to the other small to medium sized agriculture producers.

Other Considerations:

1. The B2H line is projected to cross the Oregon Trail 10 or more times. What damage has been estimated? The Oregon Trail does not renew itself, once gone is always gone. No mitigation will bring back destroyed trail.
2. Has Idaho Power determined the effect on the Historic Baldock Slough north of Flagstaff Hill and/or the migratory and resident birds and other wildlife that use this wetland?

Please call if you have any questions and thanks for your consideration in this regard.

Very truly yours,



Randell C. Guyer, Jr.

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U.S. Congressman Greg Walden  
Oregon State Senator Ted Ferroili  
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