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Subject: BLM Boardman to Hemingway Draft EIS Response

I am concerned about the impact of the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line on the few remaining remnants of the Oregon Trail. I have been a member of the Oregon California Trails Association for many years.

The transmission line will cross the trail 11 times. The construction of the transmission line will damage any remnants of the trail at those places. When construction is done, the access roads and power lines will destroy any sense of what it was like to travel the Oregon Trail.

The transmission line will pass close to the Flagstaff Hill Interpretive Center. I have been there and found it to be a wonderful place to get that sense of what it was like to travel the Oregon Trail. The center is located at the trail. There are ruts from the wagons that traveled the trail. Visitors have a great view of how the trail came out from the hills and down to the valley. If the transmission line is built close to the center, that sense of being on the trail will be lost.

I think the stories of the pioneers who spent several months walking along the Oregon Trail is a very important part of the history and culture of our country. There are very few places where someone can walk the trail and get a sense of what it was like for the pioneers. Please do not build the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line in areas that will destroy some of those few remaining places.

Sincerely,
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