

March 10, 2015

B2H Project
P.O. Box 655
Vale, Oregon 97018

To Whom It May Concern,

We live two miles from the proposed action route of the B2H Transmission Line Project. The view of the line from the front of our home will decrease our property value.

The route as proposed, goes through property owned by Johnson, Peyron, Harrells, and Trindles. These are ranches engaged in a business that contributes to Baker County economy. This outweighs any monetary contributions from the B2H project.

Having leased the Johnson property in the past, we can see how the line will adversely affect their farm practices. As a former Baker County OSU Extension Agent, we are fully aware of what a crossing powerline would do to the operation of all the above ranches.

A major opposition to the proposed route is the view from the Interpretive Center. The proposed route would undermine the tourist value of this major attraction to Baker County.

Our suggestion for the route for the powerline would be to travel behind the Interpretive Center and skim the east foothills of Baker Valley. This route would minimize the view from private homes, stay out of farm lands, and have minimal impact on the Sage Grouse habitat.

Sincerely,

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