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Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project  
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RE: BLM – DEIS Response

To Whom It May Concern:

My family moved to Oregon in 1959, where my Dad was stationed at the Portland Air Base. We were given two weeks to drive across country from Massachusetts to Oregon. We stopped at every historical marker and I kept my own diary, as would an earlier pioneer.

At 10 years old I wasn't real happy about leaving my beautiful Cape Cod, Massachusetts; however, when we reached the Columbia River Gorge I can still remember the feeling that came over me. This can be my new home, absolutely beautiful and untouched.

The State was celebrating its 100 years of statehood the year we moved here and a lot of people were dressed up as early pioneers. This reminded me of the Pilgrim experience in Plymouth.

As each generation comes to those crucial learning years, especially with the wonderful ruts across the Oregon Trail that have been protected all these years, it is important that we allow future generations to have that experience of discovery.

Please consider using alternate or existing power line corridors to Idaho.

The current proposed route closely follows the Oregon Trail, as well as crosses it several times. Once the "view" is ruined, the view and imagination of our young "pioneers" will be lost forever.

Please avoid Tub Mountain South Alternate, as well as Birch Creek Trail segment – both offer pristine/historic views.

The proposed route is within view of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at Flagstaff Hill. This would ruin the view and trail experience for all visitors. If Timber Canyon were used as an alternate, it would save views from the Interpretive Center and also save Sage Grouse habitat.

Thank you for your consideration.



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