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**From:** carparks@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2015 12:08 AM  
**To:** comment@boardmantohemingway.com  
**Subject:** DEIS Response on B2H Project

Dear BLM;

I am writing to object to the B2H Project. As a parent, I have enjoyed taking my kids to the remaining Oregon Trail ruts in the state of Oregon. Several times, we have gone to Baker City to view the ruts that you can see from the Oregon Trail museum there. It is thrilling to witness the same view that the pioneers would have seen as they began the last leg of their journey. It was not only recreational for us, but also educational.

Now I find out that there is a plan to put a transmission line across these areas that would cross (and obliterate) the Oregon Trail in 11 different places. There also seems to be a sense that pits saving the threatened sage grouse against saving the trail and the history that goes along with it. I just don't believe this. It should be possible to save both. After looking on the maps on your web site, it seems to me that a route following the south side of I-84 would avoid both sensitive areas.

I encourage the BLM and those who want to build the transmission line (PacifiCorp, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and Idaho Power) to work closely with both the Oregon Trail Association and the environmental community to come up with a route that will be protective of both. It has been my experience that the Oregon Trail membership is very willing to negotiate reasonable solutions, as are the environmentalists.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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