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Subject: New Communication: The Roberts family, which owns property on Glass Hill, would like to offer some comment on the proposals being brought forth. It makes no sense to cut through a healthy forest impacting wildlife, ha

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The Roberts family, which owns property on Glass Hill, would like to offer some comment on the proposals being brought forth. It makes no sense to cut through a healthy forest impacting wildlife, habitat, and natural beauty. There is already a power line route established. Should visibility that already exists to La Grande and Freeway of existing lines override the values of a healthy forest and environmental impact? we appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the concerns as will follow. To that end we feel transparency has been lacking from Idaho Power. Transparency is important to diplomacy and building relationships with the communities that form the backbone of this great country. To begin that transparent relationship building trust we will offer our perspective on the points below.

- Concerns Expressed by Union County Representatives.

What concerns? Chairman Commissioner Mark Davidson was at one of the meetings and he expressed there were no such concerns voiced.

- Proximity to residences on Foothill Ladd Canyon Road What is valued more? Wildlife and a healthy forest environment versus what would seem to be an already visible route with established impact. Why impact and destroy more area?

- Up to 3.6 miles of landslide prone hillsides Would this not pertain to the existing 230k line route and if so would the line not have been moved?

- Five to six miles of severe side slopes Severe? How is this measured? Even so the 230k lines were established along that route and there is precedence that other lines on the same or even steeper incline have been established such as Hells Canyon. A perceived extra amount of elbow grease to protect a healthy forest environment seems a good trade off to us.

- Over a mile of Ladd Marsh Wildlife Management Area (LMWA) crossed This is a valid concern and can be addressed by placing the line off the wet lands area above Foothill Road which did not cause ODFW any concern. Weighing one impact against the other how is disturbing several miles of healthy forest across Glass Hill any less important?

- Does not meet 1500 foot reliability separation criteria.

Research shows, from others, in Chapter 2 of the DEIS report the following information on page 2-67 in section 2.4.2.1 states that "closer than 250 feet to other high-1 voltage lines" is a problem. Please enlighten us on where you got the 1500 foot separation so that we may understand as the information mentioned says no closer than 250ft.

How does a lay person without Company backing produce the results showing how much this matters. More roads, more construction, more destruction to what again is a beautiful section of country with a diverse wildlife and forest environment. Please consider with transparency the long term impact you will cause to crossing Glass Hill.

Sincerely,

The Roberts Family.
 Billie Roberts

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