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Re: B2H Project
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Subject: Comments for DEIS

We respectfully support any route locating the B2H power line east of the existing Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, located in Baker County.

It was through the cooperative efforts of the BLM and Baker County residents that the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center project was completed. Many local community members have invested money and countless volunteer hours from its inception and since, maintaining and supporting it's many programs and special events, achieving its success. For more than 20 years the OTIC has become an important facet to the tourism base in Baker County.

The placement of the OTIC as it sits today, is not by accident. After much consideration, historical research and input from the community, the ultimate location, design and directional focus was determined. From the depiction of Conestoga wagons cresting the top of Flagstaff, incorporating huge windows commanding views to the west, along with the construction of vast interactive trails, it seems irrefutable that the view westward was determined to be be most valuable...overlooking the Baker Valley. By locating the proposed power line west of the Interpretive Center, obscuring the majestic view shed, it would undermine the fundamental mission and intent of bringing the Oregon Trail experience to the people.

Respectfully



Ken and Anita West