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Subject: Boardman to Hemingway, Longhorn Alternative Variation

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Dear Don:

This letter is to notify the BLM that Idaho Power Company wishes to add a variation to the route from the proposed Longhorn Substation for the Boardman to Hemingway Project. After discussing impacts of the original Longhorn route with area landowners, the U.S. Navy and the Oregon National Guard, the Company would like to pursue this route variation in the DEIS.

The route is called the Bombing Range East variation and leaves the proposed Longhorn Substation for approximately 0.5 miles to the southwest, before turning due south, crossing Interstate 84, and paralleling the east boundary of the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF). It joins our proposed route at approximately mile 27.7, for a total length of approximately16 miles. The route crosses private and state property, but no federal land is affected. Please see the attached map for more details.

Please let me know what additional information might be needed to bring this route into the DEIS and the timeframe it's needed. Our crews have already started field studies along the route. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Todd Adams Project Manager

Enclosure: Route map

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