

Project Overview

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

- Idaho Power's proposal to build, operate and maintain a new 500 kilovolt transmission line between Boardman, Oregon and Melba, Idaho
- The project initially underwent scoping in 2008, but Idaho Power developed new routes based on public input and submitted these to the agencies in 2010
- Idaho Power's new proposed route is nearly 300 miles in length

Application Review Processes

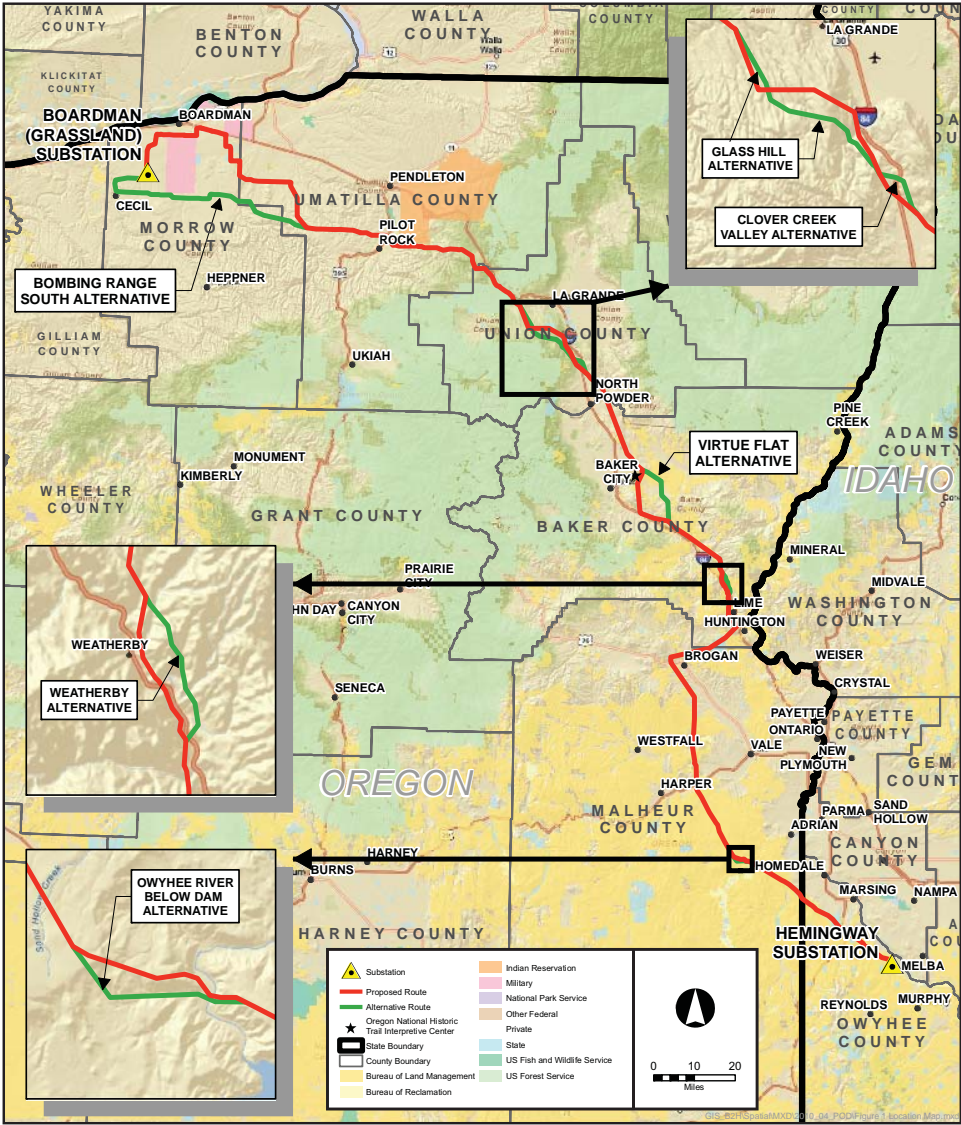
The proposed project would cross private, state and federal lands in Oregon and Idaho; to do so, it must be approved by federal, state and local agencies

Application reviews are led by:

- Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE): state energy facility siting process in Oregon
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM): federal National Environmental Policy Act process
- In Idaho, the state does not have siting authority, so each potentially-affected county is reviewing the project

Map and Route Mileages

Idaho Power's Proposed Route and Alternatives



Segment	County	Total Miles	National Forest System	Bureau of Reclamation	BLM Public Lands	Department of Defense	State and Municipal	Private
			Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles
1	Morrow	36.2	-	-	-	8.1	-	28.1
2	Umatilla	60.9	-	-	-	-	-	60.9
3	Union	40.3	6.3	-	0.7	-	0.1	33.1
4	Baker	68.2	-	-	16	-	3	49.2
5	Malheur	70.7	-	0.5	46.8	-	-	23.4
6	Owyhee	23.5	-	-	17.3	-	3.5	2.7
Totals		299.8	6.3	0.5	80.8	8.1	6.6	197.4

Navigating the EFSC and NEPA Processes

EFSC Step 1: NOI Comment Period

- Began when the applicant submitted its Notice of Intent (NOI) to submit an Application for an Energy Facility Site Certificate
 - NOI is preliminary and subject to change
 - Does not demonstrate compliance with any rules or regulations
 - Does not result in any regulatory decisions
- ODOE is now requesting comments on the new NOI
- This is an early opportunity to participate in the project
- ODOE uses comments to develop its Project Order
 - Applicant addresses comments on the NOI in its Application for Site Certification

EFSC Process	NEPA Process
Notice of Intent	Notice of Intent
<i>Public Information Meetings and Comment Period</i>	<i>Public Scoping Meetings and 60-day Comment Period</i>
Project Order	Scoping Report
Application for Site Certificate	Evaluation and Analysis of Issues and Alternatives
<i>Public Comment Period</i>	
Draft Proposed Order	Draft EIS
<i>Public Hearings</i>	<i>Public Meetings and 90-day Comment Period</i>
Proposed Order	Final EIS
Contested Case Hearing*	<i>30-day Notice of Availability</i>
Final Order	Record of Decision

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Orange/white boxes indicate public participation opportunities.

*Anyone who commented on the Draft Proposed Order can participate in the contested case hearing.

NEPA Step 1: Scoping

- Scoping is required by NEPA to gather early input from the public, governments, other interested parties and tribes
- Scoping comments help federal agencies:
 - Identify key issues to analyze
 - Develop a range of reasonable alternatives
 - Identify potential impacts to resources that may be affected
 - Determine possible mitigation measures
- Issue areas identified during scoping may include land use and biological, cultural, visual, social and economic resources