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Subject: B2H does not belong in our community

People,

We do not need or want this power line in our community. It will provide numerous problems, some deadly, and does not serve us at all. The state of Oregon needs to ensure that projects like these that will mar the landscape forever are for the greater good of Oregon - not a neighboring state. I am very concerned that Idaho Power has not adequately addressed the following problems which will affect our community forever.

Eminent domain. Taking people's land.

- Loss of wildlife habitat. Fish, birds and mammals whose habitats depend on unique ecosystems. ODOT has already put millions of dollars into rehabilitating Ladd Creek. This project could destroy it forever.
- Fire danger. Response is up to local volunteer fire departments. Please review all of the information about the access to Morgan Lake, the instability of the soils and the fact that our local fire department can barely keep up with their calls now. We do not have the resources to battle a fire in the Morgan Lake area caused by power lines.
- Spreading noxious weeds. There is no way they can build 440 miles of service

roads without spreading weeds. This agricultural community has a struggle keeping up with noxious weeds already.

- Exceeded noise levels. Let's not pretend that this won't happen, or that we will all be exposed to high levels of emf's.
- Unstable ground. From Grande Ronde Hospital up to Morgan Lake, route of power lines. These soils are young, and routinely unstable.
- Lack of safety. Such as two years of 75 trucks per day on Morgan Lake Road. Includes only access to houses in area with 16% grade and no sidewalks or guardrails. This road is unstable and narrow and sections of it fail every year.

Defacing the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. Towers that are 130 feet tall with power lines will cross the center's viewscape ruining the experience of walking the trail.

- Crossing the old Oregon Trail 18 times, desecrating it along with our heritage.

Please disallow this project and send Idaho Power back to their drawing board to devise a safer, local and more modern way to access the power that the state of Idaho claims they need. We should not suffer permanent damage because their investors want a new project. Let's stand up for our state heritage and just say NO to B2H.

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