

I am involved with trying to stop the B2H transmission lines that Idaho Power is insisting on building through Eastern Oregon. I have fought it for over 10 years now. We have few resources to fight a for-profit on the stock market corporation. I am a Baker County resident and have lived here since 1982. We, the people here do not want the negative change of a high voltage powerline bisecting the county. Not only is Idaho Power not even supplying us with a sub station they are planning to build the powerline right in front of the National Historic Oregon Trail Visitors Center. This \$16,000,000 facility build through the federal, state and local cooperating that brings in a much-needed \$10,000,000 to the the community annually. This is a blatant slap in the face to our heritage and our community. The fact that the project has gotten this far is a charade. Idaho Power claims the paint they are painting the towers makes the towers "almost invisible" and the visual impact will be "less than significant." It won't be. It is misleading "information" like this that EFSC has let pass.

Another prime example of one of these poor decisions was Idaho Power's building Hell's Canyon, Oxbow and Brownlee Dams. After being built IPC reneged on their contract and failed to put the fish ladders in. No one held their feet to the fire-- and still haven't. Fifty years later the fish ladders have still not been built.

Why is the fate of our county left to the fate of the five lay people on EFSC? It does not need to be reduced to four. It is all but a rubber-stamp committee now and the system as it is is ripe for corruption, it will be much worse if this passes. We need paid government specialists to be on this council. How would five, or four, lay people cover all the multi-1000 page documents regarding B2H that they are supposed to read but don't even peruse and make positive decisions that benefit locals and not some out of state company that is out to make a buck at the expense of the local communities of all of Oregon? They don't.

For fairness concerning the citizens of this state 4 lay people making up this council is a very bad idea.

Sincerely

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