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Subject: You can say no to IPCo and get plan B

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TO: Blaine County P& Z

Re: Idaho Power's Transmission Line request

Dear P & Z,

Just say no. Say no to the transmission line in our state-designated Sawtooth Scenic Byway Highway 75 corridor. **Ask Idaho Power to provide for backup emergency generation at the Ketchum and Elkhorn substations first (NRG proposal and Minnesota case study example) and then an updating of our current transmission line in its current location.** IPCo is asking for this transmission line under the guise of a redundant transmission line, but it is actually changing the transmission line corridor to Highway 75. It now does not plan to replace the existing line. In saying no, refer to the Blaine County Comp plan: "We are a world-class rural resort county that protects our pristine natural features as one of our highest priorities." Under The Key Guiding Principles, "Blaine County places the highest possible value on its natural environment, including the scenic vistas...This pristine environment defines Blaine County. It is the heart and soul of our community. All land-use planning decisions in Blaine County are required to protect and enhance these priceless assets...In addition to contributing to our high quality of life, these natural environmental assets are the driver of our local and visitor economies." The up-to 65 ft high metal transmission structures from Hailey to Ketchum will degrade our most key guiding principal of protecting our scenic vistas for quality of life and for the visitor economy. Say no to IPCo's request to significantly degrade these vistas and request of them to do what they should – install emergency backup generation and upgrade the existing line.

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