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Blaine County Planning and Zoning commission:

Please consider a few comments on the proposed additional power line.



1.Hwy 75 is the 100th National Scenic Byway. The program established by Congress in 1991 to preserve and protect the nation's scenic and less travelled roads and to promote tourism and economic development. Placing a transmission line along the scenic byway is contradictory to the goals of the program.



2. A 138kv transmission line built on HWY 75 is contradictory to the vision and mandate of the Blaine County Comprehensive plan included below :

## The Key Guiding Principles

Blaine County places the highest possible value on its natural environment, including the scenic vistas, the hills and mountains, the clean water and air, and the abundant fish and wildlife that share our waters and our lands. This pristine environment defines Blaine County. It is the heart and soul of our community. Our natural environment is the source of the community's economic sustainability, including the agricultural, recreational and tourism industries. We recognize that our economic and cultural sustainability is wholly dependent upon the carrying capacity of the County's natural environment and the conscientious stewardship and conservation of it. Thus, preservation of our natural environmental heritage is of paramount importance. All land-use planning decisions in Blaine County are required to protect and enhance these priceless assets through careful regulation.

Regarding the built environment, the community has identified important principles that reduce the human footprint, protect the County's financial capability to provide services, foster a sense of community, preserve the historic character of rural and open-space environments and promote economic strength and security for all who live, visit and work in Blaine County.

3. The power line dramatically decreases property values for any home that is in or near its path. There are currently homes in Twin Creeks that have been on the market for a long time and cannot be sold because of the existing power line. Golden Eagle, Buttercup, East Fork and the hospital area among other subdivisions and homesites are adjacent to the route of the proposed redundant line.

4. Blaine County rejected residential wind generators for electricity in the HWY 75 view corridor. It seems contradictory to allow scores of 50' - 60' power poles along the Highway in the same view corridor.

5. Idaho Power makes money building things. They can rate base the \$30million for the redundant line and make a return on it through the rate structure with the PUC.