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**From:** Jenny Lovell  
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**To:** pzcounter  
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**From:** Cindy Mann <hideawayranch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2021 11:42 AM  
**To:** Jenny Lovell <jlovell@co.blaine.id.us>  
**Subject:** Public Comment for tomorrow's BCC mtg

Hi Jenny,

Would you please forward this letter and photos to the Commissioners for me? I'm sorry to bother you but it's so much easier than fighting with addresses that don't work on my computer no matter how many times I examine them for accuracy. Ugh!

Thanks a million!

Cindy (PS: My letter is hiding next to these photos)



February 8, 2021

Blaine County Commissioners  
Ipco 138kv Transmission Line

RE:

Dear Commissioners:

I've endeavored to read, and I believe I've read, almost every document in the file regarding Ipco's application for a 138kv transmission line, starting in the 1970's to present day. Whether the redundant line is actually needed or not, Ipco has permission from the IPUC to build it. From there, all discussion really distills to "The Money." What does the County receive in aesthetics, for how much spent? It is confusing at best to try to determine exactly what group of people will be assessed, how much money, for exactly what plan, being proposed by Ipco.

In Ipco's CPCN application with the IPUC, they ask that locals provide funding for all costs incurred over their preferred option. The IPUC staff also asks the IPUC to make that finding. The IPUC **does not** make that finding in their report. They tell Ipco they can have their redundant line, and that they need to come back to the IPUC to determine rates to be paid for the project, but they **do not** say that costs incurred for any deviation from Ipco's preferred plan be paid for through local participation. I surmise that the IPUC was assuming the rate payers would pay for all of it anyway, as we always do.

The work Ipco is proposing to accomplish for \$9,800,000, that will actually cost the rate payers \$23,081,200 over 20 years, **in addition to the rest of the project costs**, is not worth it. For \$23,081,200, rate payers get distribution lines underground and a short section of the transmission line underground. There will still be tall steel poles running up Buttercup and along the highway to Owl Rock Rd!

**If one can rely on the images proposed by Ipco**, I argue that the visual impact of **all** transmission, distribution, and cable lines, run together on one set of poles, is not any more of a visual impact on our Scenic Corridor than the transmission lines alone, or of the existing distribution lines that currently run in our scenic corridor. Yes, the poles are taller, but if there is only one set of them, and it saves \$23,081,200, it is a far better use of money than Option B currently being discussed.

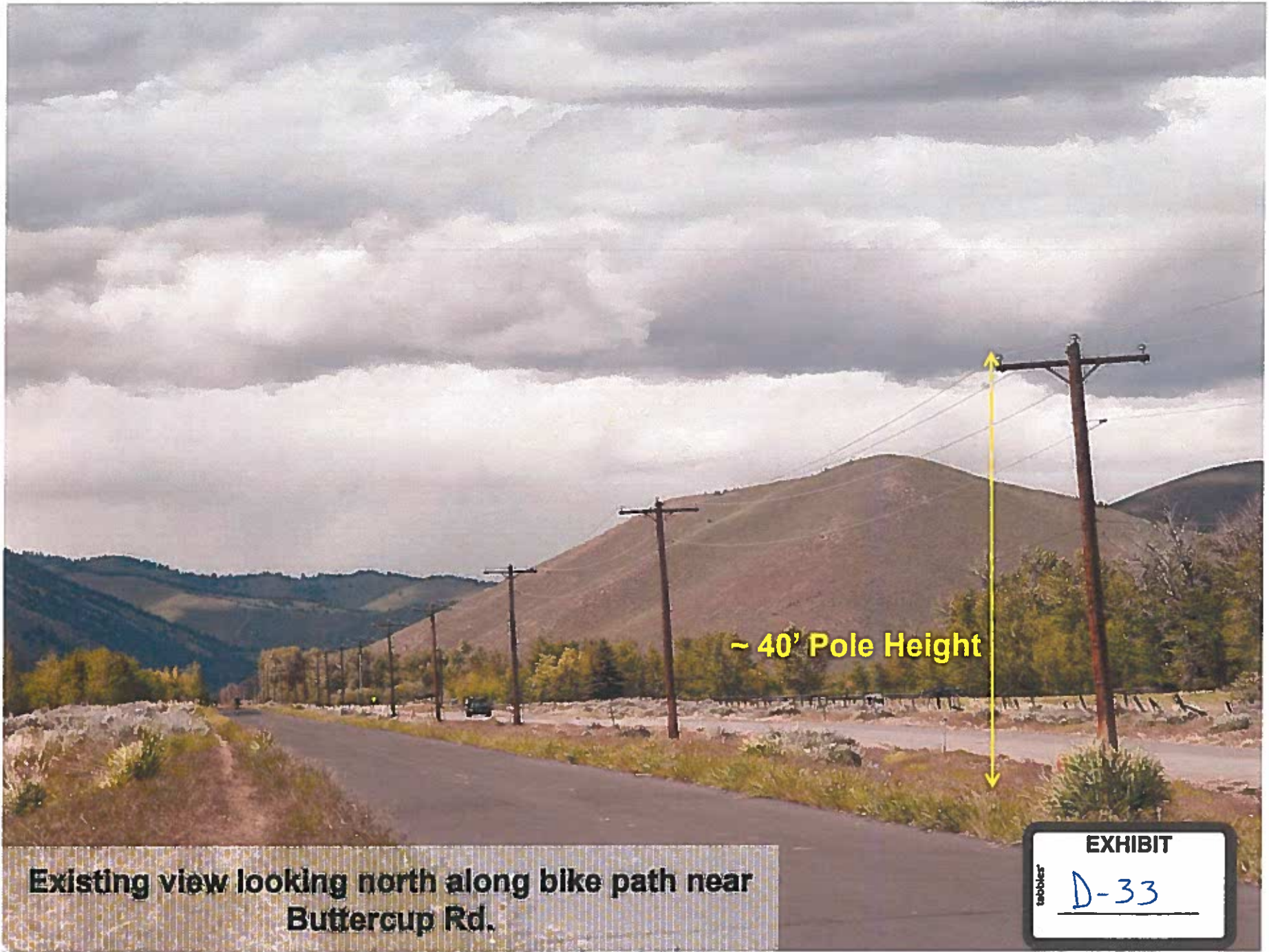
The cost of using Ipco's money to fund the project is absurd, and I don't believe you as County Commissioners have the right to burden rate payers over the entire County for such a fractional gain.

I implore you as our County Commission to **table** this current application by Ipco to modify the CUP you have already approved. Apply to the IPUC to appear before them, **with Ipco**, and ask that Ipco commit to the costs of the project, as they presented it to the IPUC when asking for the CPCN, **including the stipulation that all transmission, distribution, and cable lines be located overhead on one set of poles running from the north Hailey substation to Elkhorn Rd.** Ipco will still have to deal with the pole height and life safety issues at the Hospital. Leave that in their court. Ipco will have to justify their costs to the IPUC in order to build the project and we as rate payers will at least know what, and more importantly, how much, we're paying for.



Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to discussion tomorrow.

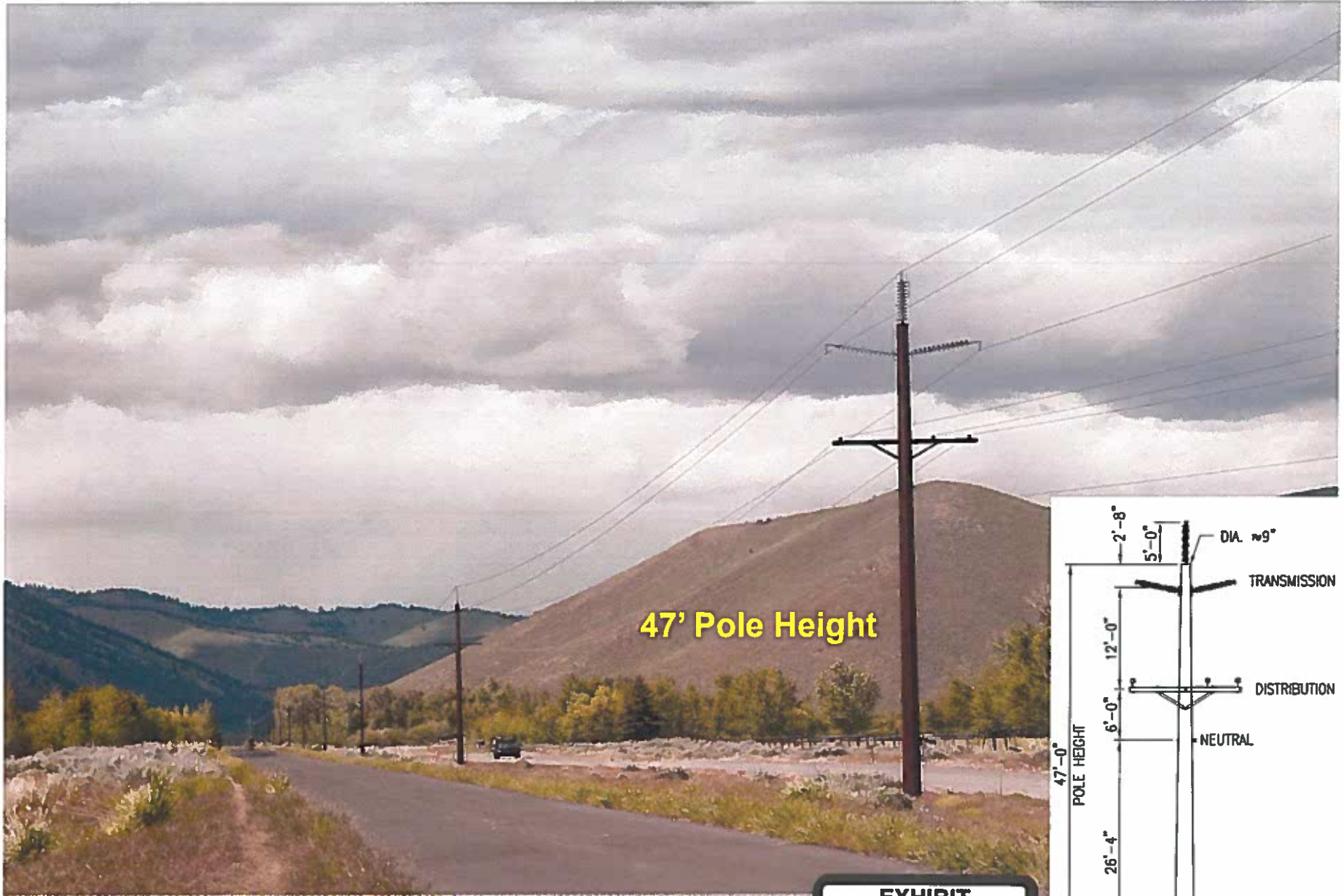
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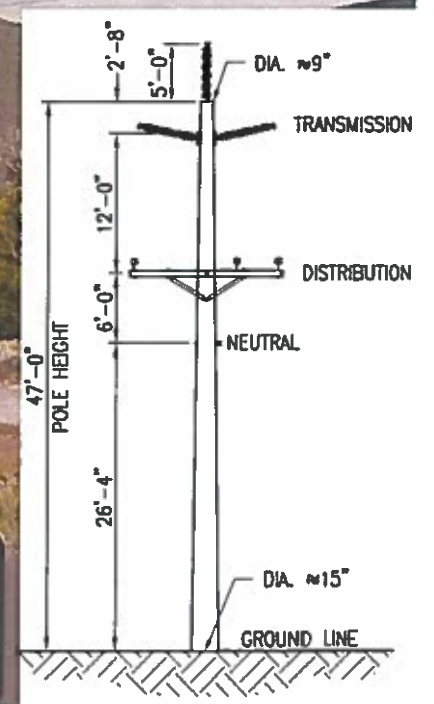
**Existing view looking north along bike path near Buttercup Rd.**

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47' Pole Height



New 138 kV line (no shield) with Distribution  
Looking north along bike path near Buttercup Rd.

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~ 48' Tall

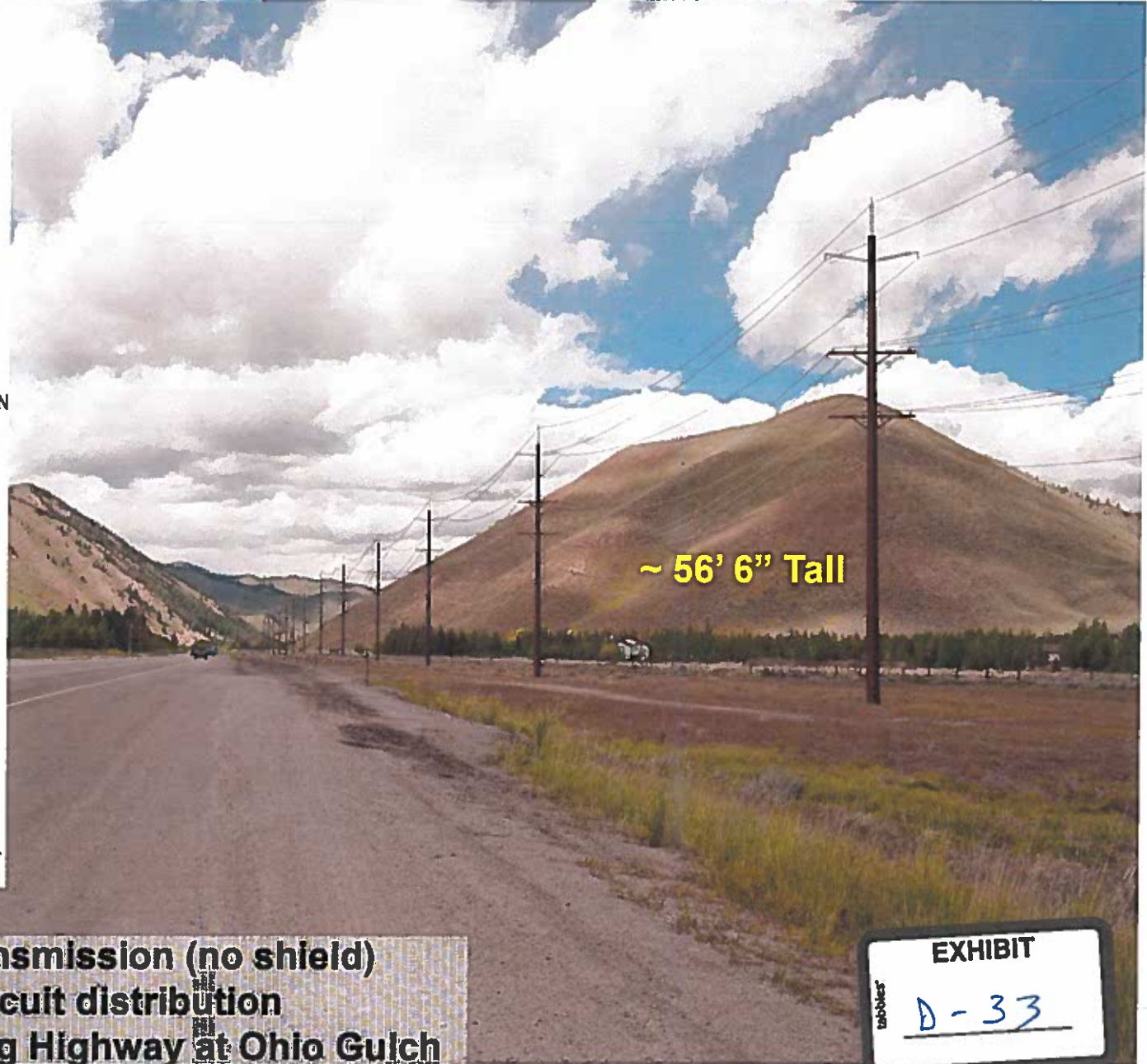
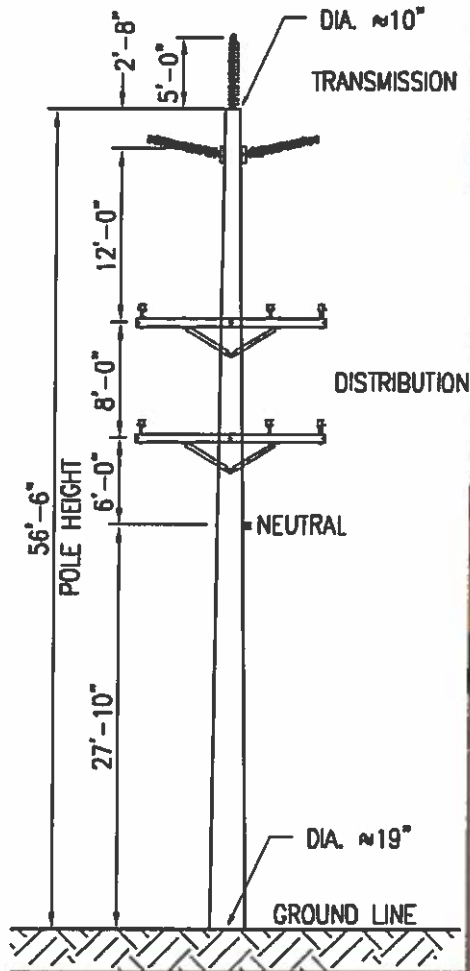
Existing view looking north along Highway  
at Ohio Gulch

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**New 138 kV transmission (no shield)  
Double circuit distribution  
Looking north along Highway at Ohio Gulch**

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