

Libby Troy Public Meeting Comments
August 15, 2007

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- If we submitted comments for scoping – do we need to resubmit for EIS review?
- Has a decision already been made on the route?
- Will Administrator (Steve W.) make final decision? Steve Wright in Portland
- Bighorn Terrace area construction – poles remain wood?
- Concern – steel looks industrial
- Will the poles be taller?
- How far off Kootenai. River Road is the line being moved over? (Total of 15 ft from fogline)
- Will I lose use of my property?
- Jog near Carpenter Road – will it remain?
- Price of Copper – increase – why not prefer 230 kv line? Would be more economical than readdressing in 40 years.
- \$140 m on generators – for transmission into Bell
- Is the analysis done by planners available to public?
- Reconfigure 230kv line to Noxon (?)
- Corps position – one additional unit brought online some thought to redundant station - 400 mw – value of 3 additional units
- If just one unit brought online, could Libby Dam handle without up grades?
- Noxon area growing. In just 20 years – much growth – did planners take that into consideration?
- Why aren't poles made out of concrete? (as in Europe)
- Concrete poles = maintenance savings?
- Steel poles more expensive than wood poles?
- Will you replace insulators also?
- Will you replace wires, too? (yes – thicker)
- With taller poles, will lines still be same distance from ground as now? Will there be a difference in EMF levels?
- Will poles be in same location as they are now?
- What was reason to keep line where it is now instead of going over Quartz Creek? Was it finances?
- If decision is made, will it be locked in for next 40 years?
- Will someone come in before end of 40 year period and propose 230 kv? (odds are against it)
- Will there be a written statement from BPA that says a 230kv line will not be built?
- Why won't BPA put that in writing – to help with sale of existing homes, etc.?
- Final EIS will replace pervading thought
- Were growth rates applied when developing alternatives?
- In earlier conversation ... Expense of new river crossing. Could you cross river earlier? Still must work with railroad – should revisit this.

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- How difficult to go over the top on Quartz Creek? Major difficulties? Or impacts? What impacts are you concerned about? (Timber, grizzly bear, eagle, load) Has the proposed FS of clearing had any impact on decision? Look at cumulative impacts?
- If worried about Bears/Eagles – what is difference? Bears/eagles don't recognize USFS rig from BPA rig. (Temporary roads vs permanent roads, etc.)
- 80' row is pretty good fire break. Has anyone looked at approved USFS work – maybe line rebuild could be done at same time.
- Re: old growth timber – trees in my yard are old growth timber – you say you want to protect, but you will cut my trees for this project. Is it possible you'll cut more trees later?
- Fed lands = Fed transmission line row
- Single pole – double pole. Single pole would be less expensive?

Written comments received at public meeting:

1. Anonymous: "I'm in favor of the Quartz Creek Realignment. The impact on bears and birds seems to be more important than impacts on people."
2. Anonymous: "In favor of the Quartz Creek Realignment."