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## *Power line construction could cause traffic delays*

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### **Bonneville Power Administration**

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**DRIGGS, Idaho** – The Bonneville Power Administration is starting construction on the new 115-kilovolt power line that will run 36 miles from Swan Valley in Bonneville County, Idaho to Jackson in Teton County, Wyo. BPA is asking motorists, hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts to be extra careful near the construction areas. Periodic traffic delays may be needed. The work will continue through the summer.

Traffic delays could occur on Highway 31 between Swan Valley and Victor, Idaho and on highways 33 and 22 between Victor and Wilson, Wyo. Some hiking trails also will be temporarily closed. People wanting more information on the closures can contact their local Forest Service office or Mike Hoffman, the construction manager, at 1-800-282-3713.

Work crews currently are taking out existing structures and drilling holes for new poles near the ends of the line, at Swan Valley and Jackson. When warmer temperatures arrive, the work will move to higher elevations.

BPA is building the new line because growing demand for electricity in the Jackson area is outpacing the agency's ability to supply the needed power over existing lines. The new transmission line will parallel an existing line and will begin serving the Jackson area by Nov. 15, 2000.

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