Proposed Rebuild of the Libby (FEC) to Troy section of BPA's Libby to Bonners Ferry 115-kilovolt Transmission Line
"I'd like to tell you . . . "

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1. Please have your environmental studies look at:

THE ALL-IMPORTANT SCENIC QUALITY ALONG THE KOOTENAI RIVER, ESPECIALLY AS SEEN FROM U.S. HIGHWAY 2. SCENIC QUALITY IS A LOT OF THE REASON PEOPLE LIVE IN LIBBY, MT. AND IT IS ALSO THE REASON MANY NEW PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVING HERE RECENTLY (THE LAST 5 YEARS).

2. ~~I need more information about~~: MY RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REBUILD IS TO STAY WITHIN THE EXISTING R/W (EXCEPT ALONG THE KOOTENAI RIVER ROAD). DO NOT CHANGE THE LOCATION CROSSING THE KOOTENAI RIVER. INSTALL A LOW WOOD OR STEEL PRE-FABRICATED BRIDGE OVER CHAMA CR TO PROTECT THE FISH PASSAGE. REBUILD THE LINE USING SIMILAR WOOD (OR STEEL EQUIVALENT) STRUCTURES. IF USING STEEL, COLOR THEM DARK (BLACKISH GRAY). SEE ATTACH →

3. I have these other comments: I APPLAUD YOUR RELOCATION PROPOSAL ALONG THE KOOTENAI RIVER ROAD. THAT WILL ELIMINATE A TIGHT BOTTLE NECK WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY & TRAFFIC

4 – SEE ATTACHMENT

Please mail your comments by **June 9, 2005** to:
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Communications – DM-7
PO Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428
Fax (503) 230-3285, E-mail to *comment@bpa.gov* or submit them through the BPA Web site at *www.bpa.gov/comment/*.

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THANK YOU

ATTACHMENT TO BPA PROPOSED REBUILD

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#2 CONTINUED

TO PROVIDE FOR LINE SAFETY, NEGOTIATE A 'HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL RIGHT' TO GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO FALL, OR TOP, LARGE LEANING TREES THAT COULD FALL AND BREAK A CONDUCTOR (OR TOWER). THIS WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO WIDENING THE EXISING R/W.

#4 IF YOU DO NOT ACCEPT MY RECOMMENDATION & INSIST ON PUTTING IN A 230 KV DOUBLE CIRCUIT LINE, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU PUT IN ANOTHER RELOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF LOWER QUARTZ CR. THAT WILL REMOVE THE POWERLINE FROM BIGHORN TERRACE (SEE ATTACHED MAP). A LARGER TOWER (95') & WIDER R/W (125') WILL DEVASTATE THE VISUAL QUALITY IN THAT AREA & REDUCE PROPERTY VALUES. IT WILL ALSO ANGER MANY PEOPLE.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THESE COMMENTS

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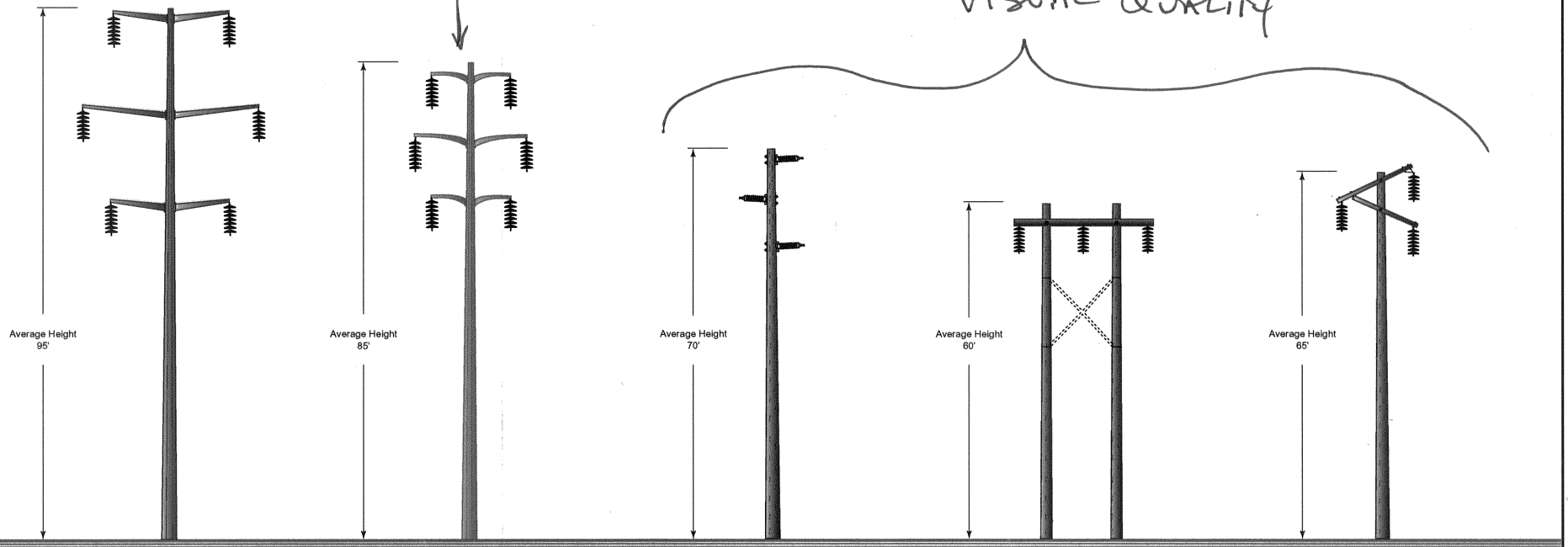
LATEST REVISED

COMPROMISE

REBUILD OF THE LIBBY (FEC) TO TROY SECTION OF BPA'S
LIBBY TO BONNERS FERRY 115-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE

STRUCTURE TYPES

PLEASE USE THESE TYPE of STRUCTURES TO PROTECT VISUAL QUALITY



PROPOSED
Steel Pole
230-kV Double Circuit
Average Height 95'
Average Span 900'
Proposed 125' Right-of-Way

PROPOSED
Steel Pole
115-kV Double Circuit
Average Height 85'
Average Span 900'
Proposed 100' Right-of-Way

EXISTING & PROPOSED
Wood Pole
115-kV Single Circuit
Average Height 70'
Average Span 350'
Proposed 100' Right-of-Way

EXISTING & PROPOSED
Wood or Steel Equivalent Pole H-Frame
115-kV Single Circuit
Average Height 60'
Average Span 600'
Typically 60'-80' Right-of-Way
Proposed 100' Right-of-Way

EXISTING
Wood Pole
115-kV Single Circuit
Average Height 65'
Average Span 350'
Existing 60' Right-of-Way

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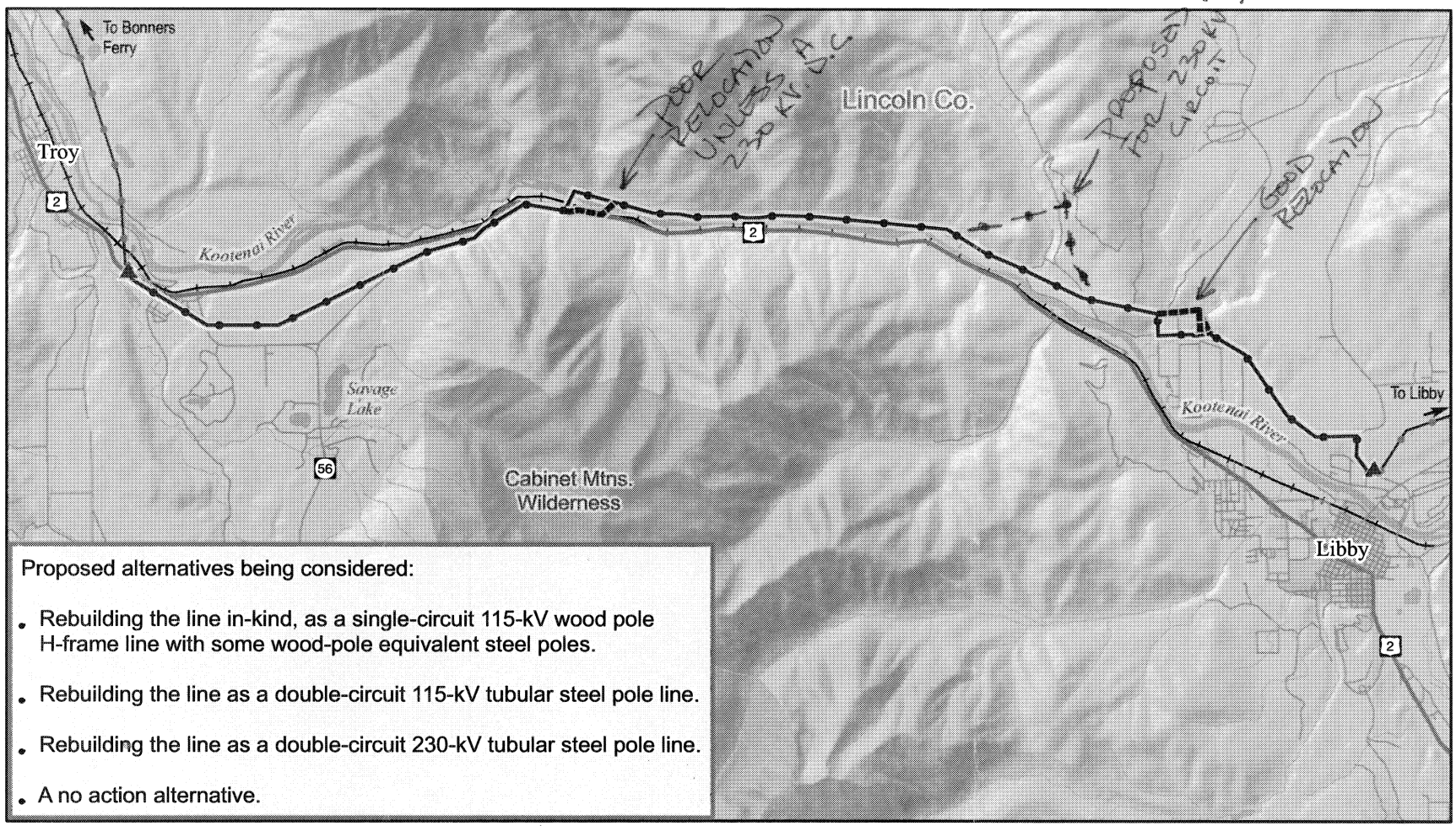
REBUILD OF THE LIBBY (FEC) TO TROY SECTION OF BPA's LIBBY TO BONNERS FERRY 115-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE



Proposed alternatives being considered:

- Rebuilding the line in-kind, as a single-circuit 115-kV wood pole H-frame line with some wood-pole equivalent steel poles.
- Rebuilding the line as a double-circuit 115-kV tubular steel pole line.
- Rebuilding the line as a double-circuit 230-kV tubular steel pole line.
- A no action alternative.

0 1.5 3 Miles

GIS Geographic Information System BPA Information Technology

Legend

- Substation
- Proposed Rebuild Section
- Potential Re-Routings
- Other Transmission Lines
- Major Highway
- Major Road
- Railroad
- Cabinet Mtns. Wilderness

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Project Location
MONTANA