

**Libby (FEC) to Troy
Public Scoping Comments
June 9, 2005**

Comments from a public scoping meeting on May 19, 2005 in Helena, Mont at 2 p.m.

Comments, Questions and Answers:

1. A landowner near Libby told Tish that about three miles down Kootenai River Road, one landowner has a wild turkey flock that roams the neighborhood. He wanted Tish to know so that BPA was aware of them if we go ahead with construction.
2. Longer span lengths would be good.
3. Will the line be raptor safe? How are alternatives different as far as raptors are concerned?
4. Will we be stringing fiber on the new line? Libby doesn't have it and may want it.
5. Use the history of growth in the Libby area (not just electrical loads) to figure out what is needed as far as voltage.
6. What is BPA's preferred alternative?
We have no preferred alternative.
7. A 230-kV seems to make sense. To go through all the hassle of building a 115-kV then in 2017 have to all this again seems redundant.
8. Is all the transmission south of Libby (FEC) to Troy all 230 kV?
Yes.
9. Is there a potential rate impact?
Not associated with this line.
10. What is the cost of the project?
Depending on the alternative chosen it ranges from \$9-18 million.
11. Is there ROW acquisition needed?
Yes, but that is all included in the cost estimates.
12. Will the line be built hot?
No. An outage will be required .
13. Will there be any power outages to local communities during the construction?
No.
14. How long would it take to build?
We can build it in one construction season, but we prefer two.
15. How will you work around the area in front of the sheep gate?
We will make some road improvements around one rock outcrop in order to gain a wider access road, it might require shaving off some rock or building a little in the river flood plain.
16. Will you burn old poles on site? How will you dispose of old poles? At China Creek, a good use for extra poles would be to make a bridge over the creek. This would be a very good use of the poles and the community would like it. Just a footbridge would be needed. Right now it's difficult to cross. We do not burn old poles. Old poles normally become the property of the contractor.
17. Are you going to build from Troy to Bonner's Ferry? That's where my home is.
Not at this time.
18. This town desires to have fiber optics in Troy. We will investigate.

Comments found from landowners inside the comment box:

When water moved matters: time of moving water equals different amount of revenue from power sales. Higher revenues help keep power rates low. (Trade off). Spread or prioritize water flows for fish in fall and early winter. This could have a substantial effect in reducing power revenue. – Submitted by Rita Windom Lincoln County Commissioner.

Please have your environmental studies look at: visuals. I need more information about: alternative locations. I have these other comments: I would like to see this line put to the North – on National Forest Land away from private property and highway 2. – Submitted by Mike Shira, PO Box 39, Troy, MT. 59935.