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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to our attention that your proposal to rebuild the line from Libby to Troy may put our home and land in jeopardy.

If you extend your easement it would encompass many residences. We would lose the homes we so lovingly built and in most cases could not replace.

When we first bought our land one of the incentives was that the power lines were to eventually be moved to the top of the hill, **Quartz Creek**. We feel that this is the **best** and **only** option that is fair to land owners in the area affected.

It is bad enough as it is now. Several years ago the high power lines behind us broke at about 5:00am. and started several fires. If we had not been home at the time, we could have lost our home. The lot next door had a larger fire which had to be put out by the Forest Service.

It is our opinion that **moving the line to Quartz Creek** would be in the best interest of everyone. Land and home owners in the to be affected area would not have to worry about losing their property and you would not have to go through so much if you need to alter the lines in the future.