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Hi Kirk,

I'm sending you an update on the meeting of the Big Horn Terrace Landowners last night, Monday September 19th, 2005 held at the First National Bank here in Libby. We had numerous new faces and owners who never received any information at all about BPA's proposed upgrade/rebuild. A lot of us were considerably disturbed over the whole affair...but we were all well behaved in taking our turns voicing opinions and how this would affect our lives. Many were extremely upset at not being contacted before now from BPA. Words of dismay and shock were passed around about how WR Grace had come into our community and through sneaky and deadly management killed hundreds of our citizens with vermiculite...and now we have the BPA wanting to do the same thing to us by fallout from upgraded increased power and KV's of electricity...plus take our property away to do it! Different committees were formed last night to contact news media, county commissioners, congressmen and senators to try and have some of these representatives attend our meeting next week. **Our ideas were not to stop this upgrade...but from a human health concern have the new line be re-routed away from human life threatening elements of a new and more damaging upgrade running over our homes and property. There was considerably more concern over our children and their future children about how this would affect their lives too.** We have people living so close to the existing power line who are literally subjecting their children to the dangers of electricity right in their own back yards...where their kids play. It's the only yard they have due to steep sloping rock faces of the mountain range bordering their property. We were all in agreement that **we need an extension on the existing dead line for comments because the majority of landowners were not contacted about the meetings and dates set by BPA.** Comments were flying around like **"Oh no...here we go again...why do outsiders wish to come into Libby and completely destroy our lives"? "First WR Grace managed to kill us off...now the government and BPA want to do the same thing all in the name of saving...and making the almighty buck with no regard to human life"!** So...as you can see...we plan to lean on the local, far reaching media and politicians to help us...not in doing away with an upgrade...but in doing it in a fashion which would be beneficial to the human element aspects by not having our lives in turmoil over possible future health issues and losing our existing way of life...and losing our valuable property to boot. We are all well aware of the need for electricity...we just don't wish to have it destroy us, our aesthetic values and pristine area which brought us all here to live and retire. All of this can and would be possible ! by routing this power line upgrade away from cause affect and effect. A number of us have our comment sheets nearly ready to send...but the larger majority are in shock by not being informed until a little over a week before BPA's set deadline for comment on September 30th, 2005. I honestly believe you will be the ear and recipient of some very disturbed individuals due to lack of communication to property owners here. I fully understand that fault was not entirely yours...you were only working from the information you had on a mailing list which fell way short...non-the-less...folks need to know what is going on which will disrupt their lives very shortly in a big way. I also understand that you are the Project Manager who was appointed to contact and enlighten us and not the person or persons who will ultimately make the final decisions...whom will never set foot in our beautiful community and actually see what will turn our lives upside down...and who could actually care less. We do need ears to fall on though...and I am impressed in knowing you do at least care...whether you can make a difference or not in what will come to pass. I would be honored to have you and your family for a neighbor regardless of what happens. I know in my heart that you, Laura Williams and the rest of your capable staff desire to

do what you can to be of help to us...and in our just cause. Best regards to you, Laura and your staff.

Very respectfully,

PS: I hope the map with latitudes & longitudes will arrive soon for me to share with other landowners. Thanks again for doing this for us Laura...you're a very nice lady. 😊