

Libby (FEC) to Troy project briefing on Nov. 14 with the Kootenai Culture Advisory Committee in Elmo, MT.

Tribe - What voltage alternative is the river crossing?

BPA - The line voltage for the river crossing will be the same as the same as the entire line.

Tribe - Is this project a done deal?

BPA - No.

Tribe - Will the Quartz Creek reroute have a cultural resource survey completed on it?

BPA - Yes.

Tribe - We prefer BPA uses the existing route rather than infringe on cultural sites through the Cabinet Mountains. We are not in support of the Quartz Creek re-route.

Tribe - How about crossing the river closer to town.

Tribe - How about using the railroad right of way?

BPA - The Burlington Northern Sante Fe really doesn't want us there.

Tribe - I want to commend you for coming and hearing us today. However, I would like to discourage BPA going into any new territory.

Tribe - Are your preferences highlighted in red?

BPA - No. These are just alternatives.

Tribe - Who's receiving power from this line?

BPA - The towns of Libby, Troy, Moyie Springs, Yaak and Bonner's Ferry (local loads)

Tribe - Tell me about the Big Horn Terrace Coalition?

BPA - They are a group of landowners on who live in Big Horn Terrace who are opposed to the line in its existing location. They support the Quartz Creek reroute.

Tribe - What is the diameter of these new structures (disturbance area)?

BPA - Existing wood poles are 1 foot wide. The new steel poles are 3 feet wide.

Tribe - What is the process for cultural resource methods? Did you look for old maps which show pre-historic trails? Also, those forests are filled with fir, pine, larch. There should be lots of stumps because its been logged before.

BPA - We use a three person crew. We walked the existing and proposed routes 30 meters apart. We know there are previously recorded cultural sites in Big

Horn Terrace. We conducted shovel tests on the areas that were surveyed. No, we haven't looked at pre-historic trails yet. We'll look at old GLO maps. Many of the Big Horn Terrace landowners haven't given us access to survey their property. Therefore we are not done surveying.

Tribe - Can we put the line on the south side of the river?

BPA - We would have to cross the river a few times because the terrain is so steep in parts.

Tribe - Are there regulations against using Hwy 2 ROW? Have you thought about under grounding?

Tribe - Have you checked into fire history?

BPA - No

Tribal opportunities discussed: Tribal monitors during construction (if we proceed); and the tribe was asked to put together a proposal for survey work.