

Public Meeting Summary

Meeting name: Bannock Creek District Meeting

Location: Bannock Creek, Idaho

Date: March 9, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Purpose and introduction: The Gateway West Transmission Line Project team was invited to brief attendees of the Bannock Creek District Meeting on an alternative route through the Ft. Hall Reservation.

Notification and attendance: Posters were displayed at various locations and Mark Lupo, Customer Service Representative with Idaho Power, notified approximately 50 residents in person. Approximately 20 people attended.

Format: Project staff provided general information about the project, answered questions and helped identify specific parcels on landowner maps. Presentations included:

- Gateway West Transmission Line Project overview: Todd Adams (IPC)
- Questions and answers: Todd Adams (IPC)

Key questions and themes:

- How are you handling zoning and the tribe's special use permit? *The right of way grant is for federal property only. Once the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has made some decisions on where the route should be located on federal land we will begin negotiations with entities involving private land. The process is different for each entity, so we will work with each entity individually.*
- The tribe requires public meetings for zoning changes. *We will follow each entity's process as needed. The draft EIS may make a strong statement about line locations on federal land (at least in some areas) and we may be able to begin the conditional use process at that point.*
- On the reservation there is tribal land (owned by the tribe) and allotments (owned by sometimes hundreds of individuals). How would you negotiate? *We received a list of approximately 350 allotment owners from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and would negotiate directly with those allotted owners, through the BIA. For tribal land we would negotiate directly with the Tribe.*
- What are the lease terms? The reservation normally caps leases at 25 years, but allotments may be five years with a possible five year extension. *This would be a central part of the overall system and we would not want it to be in jeopardy in five years. A five year lease term is a risk to the project that we would have to evaluate.*