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Selecting and securing energy corridors has been and continues to be a neverending battle across the United States between utilities and regulatory agencies, landowners and non-governmental organizations (NGO's). If the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U. S. Forest Service (USFS) and National Park Service (NPS) will truly identify energy "corridors" in the literal sense, it will alleviate a major roadblock to energy reliability and self-sufficiency and to meeting market demands. As such, please consider the following: 1) real corridors (upwards of one mile in width), and not just a line on the map, should be delineated by the BLM, USFS and NPS, as they are the major federal landholders in the

western states; 2) the DOE should ensure that corridors are sufficiently wide to accommodate multiple linear facilities and that they cross or are in proximity to our energy resources (coal fields, oil shale and tar sands, prime wind energy areas, and geothermal fields); 3) state regulatory agencies, i.e public service commissions, siting boards, energy commissions, etc. should be party to the corridor designations and should approve and sign off on them; 4) corridors should remain federal lands regardless of the owner/operator of the linear facility; 5) private landowners should be informed in writing when their property falls within a designated federal energy corridor; and 6) corridors should be so designated to be able to support multiple pipeline, transmission line, and rail facilities that connect our energy resources to our energy markets. Clearly, the intent of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 is to define real energy corridors for future use by energy linear facilities.

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