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1 would be crossed by this corridor consists of
2 grazing land.

3 And of course, probably most important
4 for our county, is the route crosses counties that
5 are in great need of economic development, and
6 this corridor would likely enjoy more governmental
7 and public support in those counties than other
8 potential routes.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to
10 testify, and we would look forward to working with
11 DOE and BLM as this process continues. Thank you.
12 I'll just hand mine to the secretary over there.

13 MR. POWERS: Mr. Olson, if you want to
14 say something. MT03

15 REPRESENTATIVE OLSON: I appreciate the
16 efforts the BLM, DOE, and the Forest Service are
17 putting into this. This is something that is
18 definitely very beneficial to the state of
19 Montana. Any future development that we're
20 looking at in this state is going to be very
21 dependent on how this comes out.

22 I think Mr. Brush pretty much hit
23 everything on the head as far as what we're
24 looking for for corridor development, and I'm
25 going to sit back and listen to the comments, and

1 most likely have some written comments to send in
2 before the deadline.

3 MR. POWERS: Bob Marks from Jefferson
4 Local Development Company.

5 MR. MARKS: I'd like to postpone.

6 MR. POWERS: Those were the only three
7 folks that had signed up to provide any formal
8 testimony. Is there anybody else that would like
9 to at this point? Come on up, and state your
10 name, and who you're representing, please. **MT04**

11 MS. DOGGETT: Thank you. My name is
12 Jamie Doggett. I'm a Commissioner from Meagher
13 County, which is the county just to the east of us
14 here. And I also wish to extend my thanks to you
15 for giving us the opportunity to participate in
16 this process. And I apologize to the woman is
17 going to be trying to type out all of these
18 numbers I'm going to give you in a second.

19 I think a good outcome for us, I would
20 like to propose a corridor that wasn't listed
21 previously. I would like to see, and my
22 constituents, to have the 100 KV transmission line
23 from Rainbow Dam, which is near Great Falls, to
24 Harlowton upgraded to a 230 KV from Two Dot to
25 Loweth -- which is a former Milwaukee Railroad