

Julia Souder  
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RE: Energy corridors on federal lands

Dear Ms. Souder,

Please review carefully the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to identify the impacts of corridors for electricity transmission and oil, natural gas and hydrogen pipelines. The process of designating corridors is critical to orderly development of Montana's energy supplies. The proposed corridor here offers several advantages over other potential routes. Anaconda-Deer Lodge County has energy transportation facilities in place; the Mill Creek substation and the Bonneville Power substation. This county is a distressed area and in desperate need of additional tax base to maintain essential services such as our roads and streets, lighting districts and basic services to taxpayers. Anaconda-Deer Lodge County is located on the largest Superfund Site in the nation; the transmission line is a perfect solution for use of this land.

Thank you for your review of our suggestion of advantages over other potential routes.

Sincerely,

*Clarence L. Peterson*

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