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Thank you for your comment, Brett Dumas.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is M0116. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

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Comment Submitted:

See attachment for comments from Idaho Power Co. Thank you.

Questions about submitting comments over the Web? Contact us at:  
corridoreiswebmaster@anl.gov or call the Preliminary Draft Corridor Map Webmaster at  
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July 10, 2006

Ms. Julia Souder,  
U.S. Department of Energy 8h-033  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
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RE: Comments on draft energy corridors

Dear Ms. Souder:

Idaho Power appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft energy corridor map proposed by the four Federal agencies developing the West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic EIS. It is apparent that a significant amount of time and thought has gone into the planning of these corridors. The corridors being proposed within and adjacent to Idaho Power's service territory closely align with Idaho Power's anticipated regional transmission needs.

Our primary concern is with the proposed width of the corridors. While the 3,500 ft width may be adequate for some corridors, it will significantly constrain corridors with multiple high-voltage transmission lines that serve a similar operational function (e.g., regional v. local energy delivery.) The corridor widths should provide adequate separation of lines such that energy transport efficiency and business investment is optimized. We suggest that you critically evaluate the width of each corridor based on its proposed function and whether that width will constrain management and investment in the corridor. A one-size fits all approach will not meet the future needs of Western energy delivery.

As you further develop the DEIS, we hope that you will also recognize that other interests may necessitate that linear energy infrastructure be built outside of a corridor. Federal lands are just one of many elements in the siting and routing process. In the future, corridors on Federal lands may not be consistent with constraints and opportunities on adjacent non-Federal lands.

Idaho Power would like to reiterate our appreciation for the opportunity to submit comments and suggestions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Agencies for their efforts in this endeavor. Should you have specific questions, you may contact me at (208) 388-2330 or [BDumas@idahopower.com](mailto:BDumas@idahopower.com).

Sincerely,

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