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Here are the comments of Friends of the Clearwater on the scoping for the energy transmission EIS. We have some general concerns with this proposal.

The forest plans in the Clearwater/Palouse basins (which includes most of the public land in this area) adequately address the issue of corridors. All of them, where corridors would be allowed--the Clearwater, Nez Perce and Idaho Panhandle--are undergoing plan revision and would likely have new plans when the EIS would be done. (NOTE: the Bitterroot in Idaho is almost all designated Wilderness and in remote country where corridors would not be needed). the same is true for the Coeur d'Alene and Cottonwood resource areas of the BLM. As such, this effort is redundant and unnecessary to comply

with the law.

The scoping letter is so vague as to not give much information. Is the purpose of this process to establish new corridors in this document or delegate that authority to agency plans?

Third, we doubt the usefulness of designating new corridors. Already, there are more than ample opportunities for special interests to derive benefit at the expense of the public good.

Existing land management plans across the country have an abundance of potential corridors or windows. This process should seek to reduce the number of potential corridors to something practical and manageable.

We expect that this EIS will adequately look at the harm from developing new corridors. There is a plethora of scientific research on wildlife movement and how these kind of linear developments fragment crucial habitat preventing genetic exchange and eventually leading to extinction in many areas. Corridors are also weed vectors and make more edge habitat for common species at the expense of rare species. Other environmental impacts need to be addressed including but not limited to disruption of migration patterns, energy spills and leaks, and changes in micro-climate from land clearing.

A sane energy policy would dictate rather than massive energy corridors that local/ individual power generation through alternative means is better in terms of safety, security and environmental impact. The EIS should consider these better alternatives.

Please keep us updated on this project.

Sincerely,

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