

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Location: The Holiday Inn, Downtown Portland

1441 N.E. Second Avenue

Portland, OR 97232

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1 MR. THIEBES: Close.

2 MS. SOUDER: Sorry.

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3 MR. THIEBES: Thank you for the

4 opportunity to comment today. My name is John

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5 Thiebes. I am a regional biologist with the

6 National Wild Turkey Federation. Our

7 organization was established in 1973, and we

8 have 521,000 members with 2,200 chapters

9 statewide. My area of representation is

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10 primarily the northwest, Oregon, Washington,

11 and Idaho.

12 The National Wild Turkey Federation is

13 more interested in the corridor, once it's been

14 established, than anything else, because that

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15 provides the variety of habitat that is most

16 important on federal land that isn't managed

17 for now with the protection to -- from fires

18 and so forth, so there is not a lot of

19 management. So basically our organization is

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20 for active management on public lands,

21 especially managing for forest openings to

22 enhance wildlife habitat. If anything, we

23 would be very much for your option, alternative

24 number four, which is optimization, as long as

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25 it's economically sound and also sound for

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1 wildlife management.

2 Thank you for the opportunity today, and
3 that's all I have.

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4 MS. SOUDER: Thank you. Is there anyone
5 else that would like to come up and give oral
6 comments?

7 MR. KUEHNE: Yes.

8 MS. SOUDER: Just please state your name.

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9 MR. KUEHNE: Hi, my name is Brian Kuehne.
10 I am also with Portland General Electric. I
11 manage the Integrated Resource Planning for
12 that company.

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13 PGE has contracts with Bonneville Power
14 Administration for the majority of its
15 transmission requirements. We also own
16 transmission lines for the delivery of
17 electricity to our service territory. We thank
18 you for this effort you're undertaking to
19 assess the energy corridors in the western
20 states.

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21 In the west, electric transmission can
22 cross multiple states, as well as a number of
23 public lands that are under different federal
24 jurisdictions. However, unlike gas pipelines,
14:22:56 25 the siting authority for interstate electric

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