

# B2H Transmission Line Project

Boardman to Hemingway



## Spotlight on Historic Properties

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the BLM is seeking input into the federal agencies' efforts to identify historic properties and potential impacts to these properties that may occur as a result of constructing the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (B2H Project).

### What is the National Historic Preservation Act?

The NHPA is a federal law intended to "preserve the historical and cultural foundations of our nation." The NHPA was developed in recognition that historic resources are valuable for knowing and understanding our past, providing a sense of roots and identity, recognizing and commemorating the past, and inspiring future generations.

Section 106 of the NHPA directs federal agencies to consider the adverse effects of their actions on historic properties and to consider ways through consultation to avoid, minimize or mitigate for effects to historic properties. The applicable federal regulations can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 36, Part 800 - Protection of Historic Properties.

### What is Section 106 consultation under the NHPA?

Section 106 consultation provides a framework for problem solving and includes four basic steps:

1. Initiate the consultation process.
2. Identify historic properties.
3. Assess the effects to these properties.
4. Resolve adverse effects through avoidance or mitigation, or seek ways to minimize adverse effects.

Public participation is a key component of consultation. Federal agencies must consult with affected tribes, historic preservation offices, local governments, historically and culturally focused organizations, and

individuals who have a demonstrated interest in the preservation of potentially affected historic properties. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is an independent federal agency promoting the preservation, enhancement and productive use of our nation's historic resources. ACHP is also a Section 106 consulting party on the B2H Project.

Consulting parties will be invited to participate in a series of meetings to discuss efforts to identify, evaluate, and assess B2H Project effects to historic properties. Consulting parties will also assist with development of a B2H Project programmatic agreement which outlines the path to resolving adverse effects to historic properties.

***BLM has initiated Section 106 consultation for the B2H Project and is preparing to meet with consulting parties.***

### What are historic properties?

Any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places is considered a "historic property." Eligibility is based on the historic property's age (generally at least 50 years old), significance and integrity.



## Can I become a consulting party?

**Members of the public who have a “demonstrated interest” in historic properties may formally request to become a consulting party.**

Demonstrated interest may include individuals who are interested in the B2H Project’s effects on historic properties (e.g., member of a trail association) and/or have a legal and/or economic relationship to the project or historic property (e.g., own land with a possible historic property).

To request consulting party status, you must send a letter or email to BLM describing your demonstrated interest.



## What should I do if I have possible historic properties on my land?

If you would like to share information about possible historic properties which could potentially be impacted by the B2H Project, send an email or letter to BLM describing the historic property and its location relative to the proposed route and/or alternatives. BLM will also consider comments on possible historic properties which were submitted during the NEPA scoping period.

Identification of historic properties eligible for inclusion on the National Register does not mean landowners must list their property. For more information on the National Register visit [www.cr.nps.gov/nr](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr).

## Where can I get more information about the Section 106 process?

ACHP is a great resource for information on the Section 106 process, consultation and public involvement. Visit their website to:

- Review the NHPA regulations at [www.achp.gov/nhpa.html](http://www.achp.gov/nhpa.html).
- Download a copy of ACHP’s *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen’s Guide to Section 106 Review* at [www.achp.gov/citizensguide.html](http://www.achp.gov/citizensguide.html).
- Learn about ACHP’s involvement in the Section 106 process for a number of proposed transmission line projects at [www.achp.gov/news\\_05032011.html](http://www.achp.gov/news_05032011.html).

## Contact Us:

If you have questions about the Section 106 process, want to share information about possible historic properties on your land, and/or would like to request consulting party status, please contact us via:

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