

How was the community involved in developing the proposed route?

The proposed route for the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line was developed through a comprehensive public process that involved communities throughout eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho.

The initial process of identifying a route for the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line began when Idaho Power submitted applications to the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service in 2007 and its notice of intent to the Oregon Department of Energy — Energy Facility Siting Council in 2008. Following comments received during public scoping meetings held in October 2008, Idaho Power conducted more extensive outreach to identify a route for the transmission line.

In early 2009, Idaho Power initiated the Community Advisory Process, an inclusive public process to engage residents, property owners, business leaders, and local officials in developing a route for the transmission line.

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The Community Advisory Process

Community members formed teams in each region of the project and worked with Idaho Power to develop the proposed route for the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line. During the Community Advisory Process, the teams:

- Identified issues and concerns they would like considered in the siting process.
- Learned about regulatory and engineering requirements.
- Worked with technical experts to develop a range of 49 possible routes and route segments.

Idaho Power analyzed all 49 routes that were developed during the Community Advisory Process to determine which routes could be permitted and constructed.



Why is the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line needed?

The Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project is one of several new transmission lines being proposed to increase the amount of electricity being delivered throughout the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain regions.

The demand for energy continues to grow everyday. To balance cost, risk and environmental concerns, Idaho Power will be required to add or purchase a variety of generation resources such as hydroelectric, wind, solar and geothermal. These resources are usually far away from the populated areas that use the most energy. Additionally, Idaho Power's ability to import additional amounts of energy from the Pacific Northwest is currently limited by constraints on the existing transmission system.

The new transmission line will move power throughout the region. At certain times during the year, Idaho Power imports electricity to serve its customers, and at other times of the year there is an excess amount of electricity. The same is true for other utilities in the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West.

We are all interconnected. When there is excess electricity we have the ability to move power to locations where it's needed. This interconnectivity allows customers throughout the west to benefit from economical generation resources. The Boardman to Hemingway line will enhance the regional grid and benefit users throughout the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain regions.

For more information

If you would like to learn more about the project and stay informed about opportunities to give input, please visit www.boardmantohemingway.com.



Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

Proposed Route

The Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project is a new 500 kilovolt transmission line proposed by Idaho Power that would run from northeast Oregon to southwest Idaho. All communities in the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain regions will benefit from a reliable, interconnected transmission system.

Transmission lines are key to bringing electricity into Idaho Power's service territory and providing energy to other regional areas. The Boardman to Hemingway transmission line will increase the amount of electricity that can flow on the Northwest's transmission system and ensure Idaho Power can provide future service to its customers as well as other utility customers in Idaho and Oregon.





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What is the proposed route?

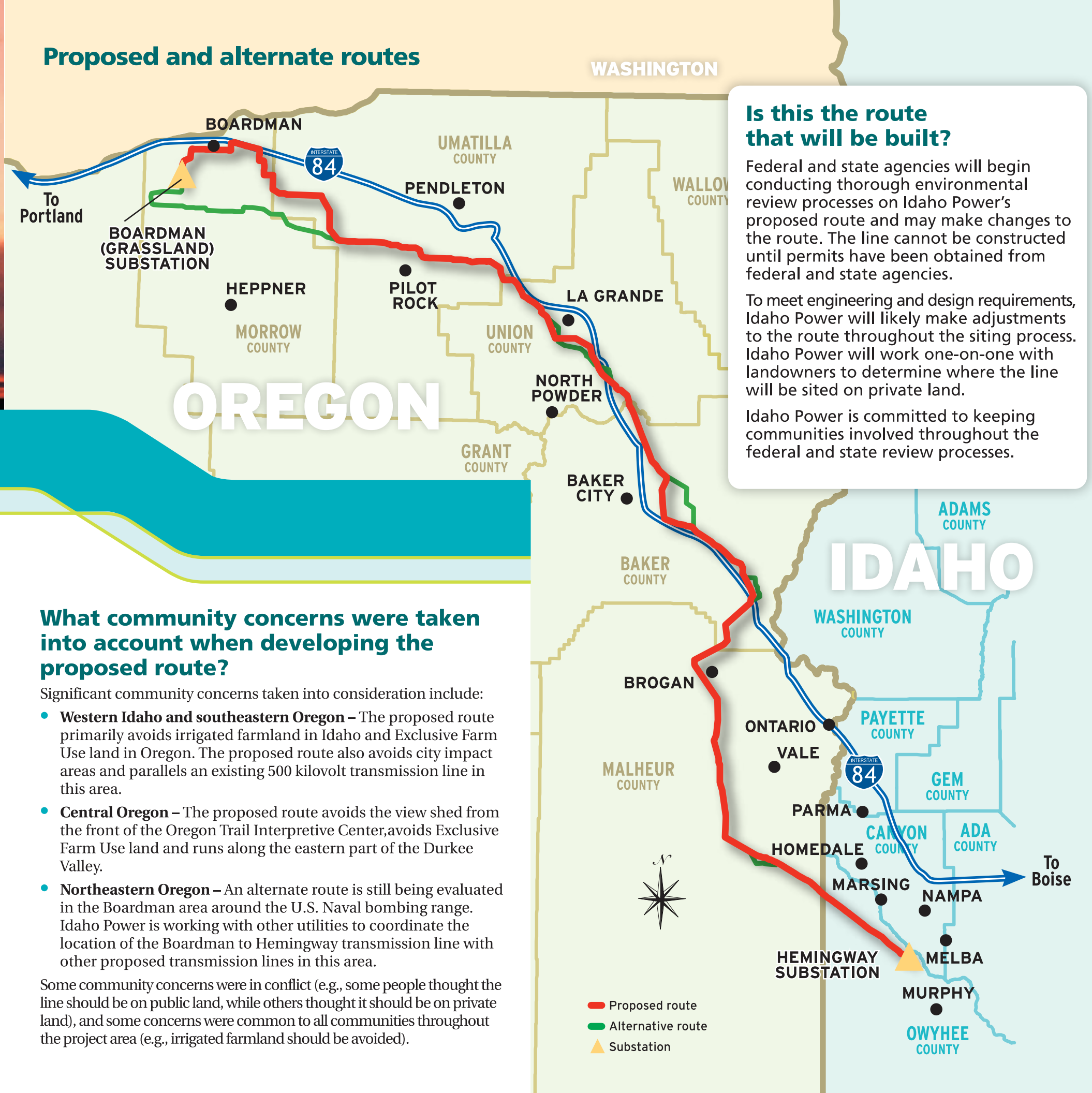
Community members worked collaboratively with Idaho Power and technical experts to develop the proposed route. Throughout the Community Advisory Process Idaho Power collected data, consulted with land management agencies and analyzed all 49 routes that were developed during the Community Advisory Process.

The proposed route provides the best balance of all issues that must be considered when siting a transmission line. Idaho Power would like the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line to be built by 2015.

The proposed route:

- Is approximately 300 miles in length.
- Crosses Owyhee County in Idaho, and Malheur, Baker, Union, Morrow and Umatilla counties in Oregon.
- Follows existing energy and transportation corridors.
- Takes community considerations into account.

Proposed and alternate routes



Is this the route that will be built?

Federal and state agencies will begin conducting thorough environmental review processes on Idaho Power's proposed route and may make changes to the route. The line cannot be constructed until permits have been obtained from federal and state agencies.

To meet engineering and design requirements, Idaho Power will likely make adjustments to the route throughout the siting process. Idaho Power will work one-on-one with landowners to determine where the line will be sited on private land.

Idaho Power is committed to keeping communities involved throughout the federal and state review processes.

What community concerns were taken into account when developing the proposed route?

Significant community concerns taken into consideration include:

- **Western Idaho and southeastern Oregon** – The proposed route primarily avoids irrigated farmland in Idaho and Exclusive Farm Use land in Oregon. The proposed route also avoids city impact areas and parallels an existing 500 kilovolt transmission line in this area.
- **Central Oregon** – The proposed route avoids the view shed from the front of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, avoids Exclusive Farm Use land and runs along the eastern part of the Durkee Valley.
- **Northeastern Oregon** – An alternate route is still being evaluated in the Boardman area around the U.S. Naval bombing range. Idaho Power is working with other utilities to coordinate the location of the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line with other proposed transmission lines in this area.

Some community concerns were in conflict (e.g., some people thought the line should be on public land, while others thought it should be on private land), and some concerns were common to all communities throughout the project area (e.g., irrigated farmland should be avoided).