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Subject: Public comment on Idaho Power Co.'s proposed redundant 138 kv line from Hailey substation to Ketchum.

1) The most important point to make is that a redundant line from the Hailey substation to the north would NOT have prevented the famous Christmas Eve power failure that occurred a few years ago, because that was due to a power failure outside the Wood River Valley prior to entry into the Hailey substation.

Question - how many times has power been interrupted for an extensive time period due to a failure in the line (not the substation) after leaving the Hailey substation on its way north?

2) The most RESPONSIBLE redundant power that could serve the Wood River Valley would be to ADD alternative sources of power and battery storage as suggested by Aimee Christensen and proposed for consideration by the Ketchum City council led by Mayor Nina Jonas.

Question - What steps has Idaho Power done to seriously consider adding alternative sources of power to the Wood River Valley? And what are the answers to the data they may have collected - compared to the costs they propose to add a redundant line?

3) We urge the Blaine County Commissioners and the Idaho Public Utility Commission to request Idaho Power Co. - as recommended by The Ketchum City Council - to analyze the costs, benefits and reliability of an alternative project, which could consist of local renewable energy generation, microgrid technology and storage.

Question - Can the IPUC urge that Idaho Power try to use responsible environmentally sound sources of alternative power instead of clogging our highways with a taller UNNECESSARY power line that is carrying power from the exact same source (ie., Hailey Substation) as the original line?

Please consider these suggestions and questions,
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