

Gateway West

January 11, 2010

Siting Criteria

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
Economics	Final route and site selection must be the most cost effective option while minimizing impacts to the urban and natural environment.
Reliability	Maximize line reliability <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimize line length• Avoid potential hazards that may disrupt electrical service, or impact on-going maintenance.
Engineering / Operations	Minimize variations from industry design standards and standard operational procedures.
Environmental	Minimize impacts to the natural and human environment, and comply with all Federal, State, and local regulations.
Utilize Linear Corridors	Utilize existing linear corridors wherever feasible (For example, existing utility corridors, roads and major arterials, railroads, major property boundaries and section lines, etc).
Consolidate Facilities	Wherever possible, consolidate existing and new transmission facilities with over-or-underbuild construction. Also, where feasible co-locate public infrastructure facilities.
Accessibility	Provide access for construction, operations, and maintenance.
Safety	Line route and site must meet all governing codes and regulations to provide a safe environment for the public and Rocky Mountain Power employees.
Project Scheduling	Cost and customer load demand driven. Where possible, establish location of facilities prior to development of surrounding areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affords communities the opportunity to incorporate electric facilities into their master plans.• Reduces cost to electric customers as pre-development siting reduces some costs.

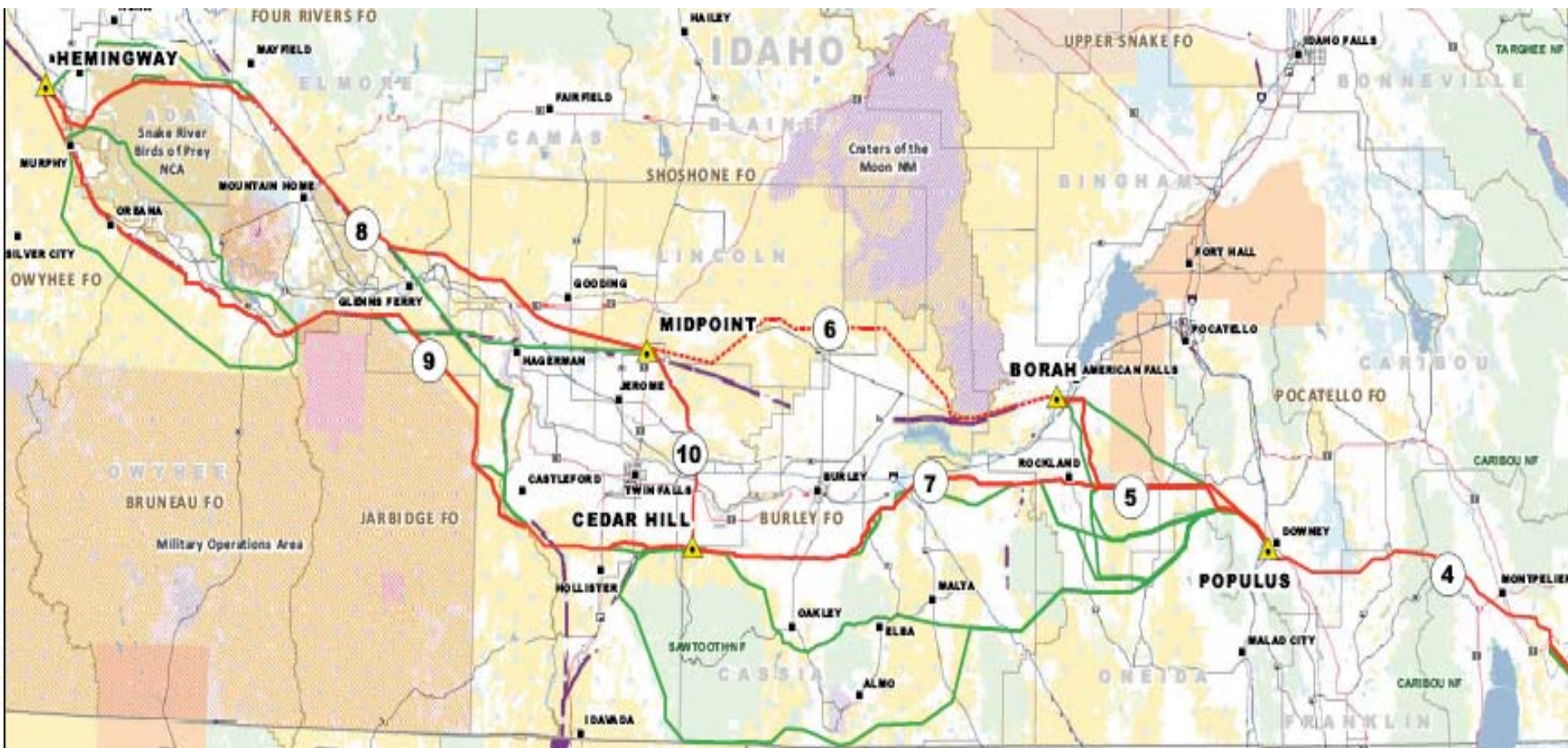


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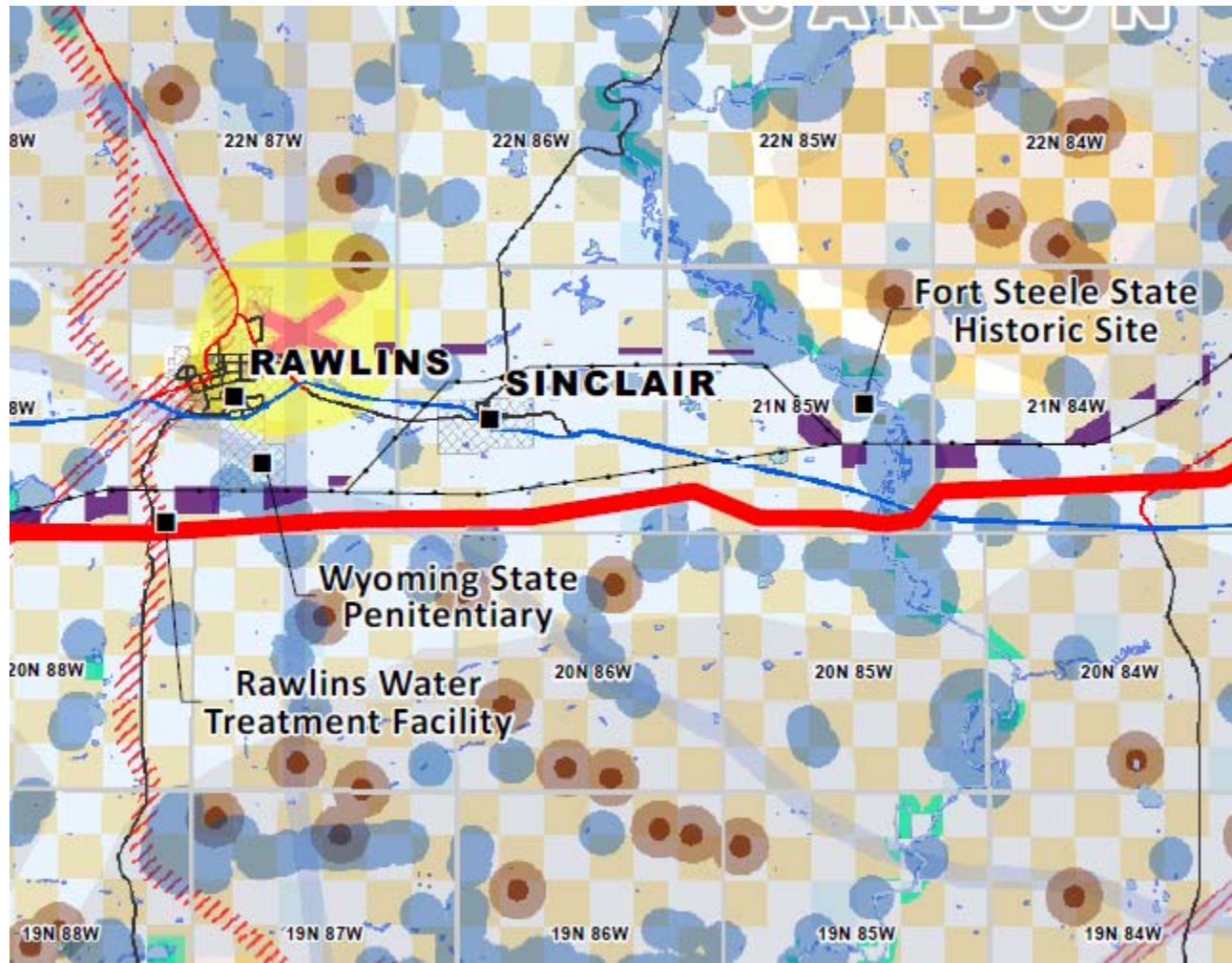
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- Avoidance
- Sage Grouse Mitigation
- Wildlife Research
- Environmental protection measures
- Perch discourager research
- Avian protection standards
- Training/Compliance
- Wetland Mitigation

Outreach

- **BLM-held public meetings**
 - 9 scoping meetings (June 2008)
 - 140 total meeting attendees (estimated)
 - BLM Collaborative Working Group Meeting for the Idaho Stateline Route
- **Company-held public meetings (Dec. 2008 – Dec. 2010)**
 - 39 public meetings
 - 12 Wyoming
 - 27 Idaho
 - 1,907 total meeting attendees (estimated)
 - 663 Wyoming
 - 1,244 Idaho
- **Project-related mailings**
 - July 2009 company newsletter
 - 5,443 print copies sent
 - 920 e-newsletters sent
 - January 2010 BLM newsletter
 - 8,382 print copies sent
 - 1,925 e-newsletters sent
 - August 2010 company newsletter
 - 9,460 print copies sent
 - 2,021 e-newsletters sent

Recommendations

- Schedule certainty/predictability
- Inter-agency coordination/decision-making
- Defined public involvement approach