

# Project Fact Sheet

## Gateway West Transmission Line Project

Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power are planning to build a high voltage transmission line across southern Wyoming and southern Idaho. This project will supply present and future needs of customers and improve electric system reliability in the service territories of both companies. In addition, the project will enable delivery of new generating resources, including wind, to more customers in the region. Known as Gateway West, line segments will be completed in phases between 2014 and 2018.

At certain times of high customer demand, transmission lines reach full capacity. Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power are committed to ensuring reliable electric service to customers and respond to others requesting use of the transmission system. Work has begun to complete this project in the next five to seven years.

### Preliminary Corridor Map and Study Area

This project is jointly proposed by Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power to build and operate approximately 1,150 miles of new high-voltage transmission lines between the planned Windstar Substation near Glenrock, Wyoming and the planned Hemingway Substation near Melba, Idaho. The project would include approximately 300 miles of 230 kilovolt (kV) lines in Wyoming and approximately 850 miles of 500 kV lines in Wyoming and Idaho.



Map as of 1/29/2010.

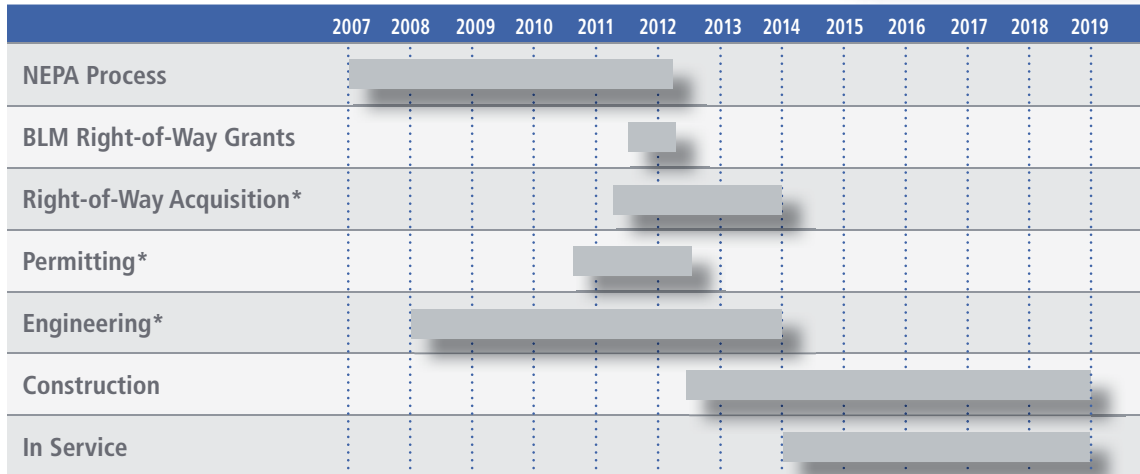
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### Proposed Project Timeline



\*Dates for segments between the Populus and Hemingway substations are to be determined.

### Environmental Review & Permitting Process

Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power need to obtain a right-of-way grant from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to build the proposed transmission lines on federal property. The companies will also apply for all necessary permits and approvals from other federal agencies, state agencies and local jurisdictions.

The BLM is the lead agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. NEPA is a federal law that requires federal agencies to complete an environmental impact statement (EIS) for actions that may significantly affect the quality of the human

environment. An EIS provides a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of a proposed range of reasonable alternatives. For the Gateway West Project, the BLM will prepare the EIS in cooperation with agencies such as the USFS and the states of Idaho and Wyoming.

The public will be invited to participate in the NEPA process, beginning with public scoping, and comment on the draft EIS. The BLM will also hold an official public comment period between finalizing the EIS and issuing a record of decision on the project. Dates and locations of public meetings will be published in local newspapers, mailed to project-specific mailing lists and posted on company and BLM Web sites.

### For More Information

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To submit official public comment on the Gateway West Project, please contact the BLM directly at Bureau of Land Management, Gateway West Project, P.O. Box 20879, Cheyenne, WY 82003 or E-mail at [Gateway\\_West\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:Gateway_West_WYMail@blm.gov) or visit [www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway\\_west](http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway_west). Comments submitted to either Idaho Power or Rocky Mountain Power are not considered part of the official record.