

**Exhibit P8**  
**Form Letter and Postcard**

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**Comment(s)**

**Response(s)**

**FL1** **Form Letter – Conservation Colorado**

Dear Mrs.:

The future of northwest Colorado's wildlife, wildlands, and outdoor economy are important to me and so I appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Gateway South Transmission Line.

FL1a Both the applicant proposed and agency preferred routes present a number of problems due to the fact that the site of the transmission line is proposed predominantly in undeveloped public lands. It makes far more sense for BLM and PacifiCorp to utilize corridors with existing disturbances such as Highway 13 and Highway 40, along with existing power line right-of-ways. FL1b These recommendations, included in Alternative WYCO-D-1, should be adopted into the Final EIS.

FL1c The preferred alternative in the DEIS would not only lead to the degradation of the visual resources along the Little Snake River bluffs and Cross Mountain Wilderness Study Area, it would also destroy and disturb wildlife habitat in a relatively remote area and heavily impact the Lower Little Snake, Deep Canyon and Simsberry Draw Lands with Wilderness Character Units and a substantial amount of acreage of Preliminary Priority Greater sage grouse habitat.

FL1d BLM should also utilize Secretarial Order 3330 when analyzing this project proposal. Utilizing landscape-level mitigation is critical when dealing with such a large and far ranging project such as Gateway South. In particular, BLM should designate Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and backcountry-focused Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) as mitigation for the lands impacted by the transmission line.

FL1e I also urge BLM to be cognizant and respectful to private property owners along all proposed routes, especially those that have placed their property under conservation easements in order to protect the wildlife resources unique and important to Coloradans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

FL1a The first two criteria considered by PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power (Applicant), when identifying preliminary alternative routes during their initial feasibility studies conducted by the Applicant included (1) presence of designated or proposed utility corridors and (2) presence of other existing linear facilities. During their review of the alternative routes, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) have endeavored to maintain the use of federally designated utility corridors and the use of federal lands to the extent possible (i.e., where suitable when reviewing for environmental, geographic, or engineering/electric system reliability concerns). However, federal land is not contiguous. Ultimately, the BLM and USFS selection of the preferred alternative must be based on resource sensitivities and resource issues.

FL1b Comment and route preference noted. See also response to Comment FL1a.

FL1c Impacts on views from the Cross Mountain Wilderness Study Area were assessed in Section 3.2.18 and supported by a simulation developed from Key Observation Point #299 (East Cross Mountain River Access) in Appendix M. Effects on scenic quality along the Little Snake River is discussed broadly in Section 3.2.18; and due to the presence of non-wilderness study area lands with wilderness characteristics adjacent to the river, in further detail in Section 3.2.16. The impacts on the Lower Little Snake, Deep Canyon, and Simsberry Draw lands with wilderness characteristics inventory units are discussed in Section 3.2.14. Project effects on priority sage-grouse habitat are discussed in Section 3.2.8.

FL1d See next page for response to Comment FL1d.

FL1e See next page for response to Comment FL1e.

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FL1d

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) contains mitigation measures designed to avoid, reduce, or minimize moderate or high impacts on a variety of resources. Per Appendix E of the Final EIS, the sequence of mitigation action for any resource impacts would be the mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimize, rectify, reduce or eliminate over time, compensate) as identified by the White House Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1508.20) and BLM’s Draft - Regional Mitigation Manual Section 1794. That is, the priority is to mitigate impacts at the site of the activity (in conformance with the land-use plan goals and objectives) through impact avoidance, minimization, rectification, and reduction over time of the impact, including those measures described in laws, regulations, policies, and land-use plans. When these types of mitigation measures are not sufficient to ameliorate anticipated direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts and substantial or significant residual impacts remain, additional measures to reduce these residual impacts to meet applicable land-use plan goals and objectives would be required (compensatory mitigation). Based on the analysis in the EIS, the BLM, in coordination with cooperating agencies, will make a determination if compensatory mitigation measures are necessary for any resource and, if so, will establish resource-specific guidelines for application and enforcement of these measures in the Record of Decision. BLM intends to use a third-party Compliance Inspection Contractor to monitor and enforce the requirements of the right-of-way grant. Compliance information prepared by the Compliance Inspection Contractor is made available, as part of the public record by project, for review.

FL1e

Potential impacts on conservation easements identified within the 2-mile-wide alternative route study corridor are documented in Section 3.2.15. The management prescriptions of these conservation easements have been considered in the analysis. Where possible, the alternative routes and route variations have been adjusted to avoid direct impacts on these easements. If the alternative route or route variation would impact an easement, selective mitigation measures (e.g., seasonal limitations on construction) have been identified to reduce impacts on the easement.

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**FL2** **Postcard – Conservation Colorado**

Dear Acting Director Welch,

I'm writing you about the proposed Gateway South Transmission Line Project. As I understand it, the BLM state directors of WY, UT and CO will have a great deal of influence on the route location and mitigation programs in final plan. After seeing the lands in Moffat County that would be impacted by these transmission lines and understanding the potential effects on sage grouse and lands with wilderness character, I am concerned with the preferred alternative. Instead of permitting a route in undeveloped country, I believe in the final plan, BLM should select the least environmentally damaging route along Colorado Highway 13. Our sagebrush seas are of critical importance to a great number of species and at a time when so many are in trouble, I trust BLM will do what's right and protect the few remaining areas from further development.

FL2a

Sincerely,

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FL2a

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**FL2 Post Card – Conservation Colorado (cont.)**

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