

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Land-use Plan Amendments for the
Energy Gateway South Transmission Project**

Lead Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Wyoming State Office

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service – Intermountain Region
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – South Pacific Division
U.S. Army Environmental Center
U.S. Department of Defense – Navy Region Southwest
Bureau of Indian Affairs – Western Region
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Mountain-Prairie Region
National Park Service
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission
State of Wyoming
State of Colorado
State of Utah
Carbon and Sweetwater counties, Wyoming
Mesa, Moffat, and Rio Blanco counties, Colorado
Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, Juab, Sanpete, Uintah, and
Wasatch counties, Utah
Wyoming Conservation Districts (Little Snake River, Medicine
Bow, Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins, and Sweetwater County)

Type of Action: Right-of-way Grant from the Bureau of Land Management
Special-use Authorization from the U.S. Forest Service

Project Location: Carbon and Sweetwater counties, Wyoming
Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt counties, Colorado
Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, Juab, Sanpete, Uintah, Utah,
and Wasatch counties, Utah

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ABSTRACT

This Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared to analyze and disclose the impacts of granting a right-of-way across federal land to PacifiCorp (doing business as Rocky Mountain Power, the Applicant) for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining the single-circuit, alternating-current, 500-kilovolt transmission line and amending Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service land-use plans to accommodate the proposed transmission line. The transmission line would begin near Medicine Bow, Carbon County, Wyoming, at the planned Aeolus Substation and would extend south and

west to the Clover Substation (currently under construction) near Mona, Juab County, Utah, a distance between 400 and 500 miles, depending on the route selected. The Project also includes (1) two series compensation stations at points between the Aeolus and Clover substations to improve transport capacity and efficiency of the transmission line, (2) the addition of new substation equipment for electrically connecting the transmission line at the Aeolus and Clover substations and the existing Mona Substation, (3) communication regeneration stations associated with the transmission line, (4) access roads to the transmission line structures where needed and where existing access is not available, (5) other ancillary facilities, (6) rebuilding and reconfiguring two existing 345kV transmission lines between the Clover and Mona substations, and (7) the existing Mona to Huntington 345kV transmission line would be rerouted through the Clover Substation. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the Proposed Action and several alternatives, including taking no action, and assesses the potential impacts on the natural, human, and cultural environment of implementing the Proposed Action or alternatives. Under the Proposed Action, the Bureau of Land Management would issue a right-of-way grant and the U.S. Forest Service would issue a special use authorization for constructing, operating, and maintaining the proposed transmission line and associated facilities. Depending on the route selected for the transmission line, other potentially affected agencies may tie to the analysis in this Environmental Impact Statement in issuing decisions and similar use authorizations.