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Dear Interested Party:

The Northwestern Energy Columbus Rapelje-Chrome Junction 100kV Transmission Line Final Environmental Assessment (EA), DOI-BLM-MT-0010-2014-0025-EA, signed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record are available for review. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined that the 6.4 acre right of way associated with the 100 kV transmission line will not result in significant impacts. The documents will be available at the BLM, Billings Field Office (BiFO) website at:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=53470>

The preliminary EA was released for a 30 day comment period on August 4, 2015 and ended on September 11, 2015. Only one comment letter was received. Minor changes to the EA were made to account for changes to the Billings Resource Management Plan (BLM, September 2015).

Thank you for your interest in the management of public lands in the Billings Field Office. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (406) 896-5349.

Sincerely,

Craig R. Drake
Acting Field Manager