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The B2H project is an example of a large out-of-state corporation proposing a project that adversely affects Oregonians for the primary benefit of corporate shareholders. One of my big objections to this massive and unneeded project is the sheer amount of private land that the government will have to take in order to complete the project. The amount of private property required for the entire B2H line is enormous. Do the math: 74% of the proposed 296-mile power line is on private land. And the line requires a minimum 250-foot-wide corridor. Any landowner who doesn't want to cooperate will eventually get hauled into court, first to allow surveys, and later to coerce sale of their land through eminent domain.

And for what? The line passes through five Oregon counties and distributes no power along its way to SW Idaho. Idaho Power has been fixated on building a new B2H line for 14 years without adequately considering alternatives, like upgrading and fire-hardening existing lines, or siting wind and solar plants in SW Idaho, where the power would be used. It's time to tell Idaho Power to leave Oregonians alone!

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