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REGARDING THE POWERLINE REBUILD BETWEEN LIBBY & TROY MONTANA:

I DISAGREE STONGLY WITH YOUR PROPOSAL TO MOVE THE KOOTENAI RIVER CROSSING 0.75 MILES UPSTREAM.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO LESSEN THE INTRUSION ON THE CULTURAL SITES ADJACENT TO THE FALLS & THIS REALIGNMENT WILL DO THAT.

BUT THE TRADEOFF IN VISUAL DEGRADATION ALONG HIWAY 2 IS TOO HIGH A PRICE TO PAY FOR THE CULTURAL SITE ENHANCEMENT.

THE DRIVE ALONG THE RIVER FROM THE WEST SIDE OF LIBBY (END OF 4-LANES) TO ABOUT 1 MILE WEST OF THE KOOTENAI FALLS PARKING LOT IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DRIVES IN SOUTH LINCOLN COUNTY.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES TRAVELING HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME MARVEL AT THE BEAUTY OF THAT STRETCH OF HIGHWAY. IT IS TRULY PART OF THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA BETWEEN LIBBY & TROY & BOTH COMMUNITIES TAKE PRIDE IN IT.

I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU LEAVE THE POWERLINE IN ITS CURRENT LOCATION.

IF THAT BECOMES AN OBSTACLE IN DEALING WITH THE TRIBE, THEN I RECOMMEND A COMPROMISE OF MOVING THE LINE NO MORE THAN 1/8 MILE UPSTREAM (660' MAXIMUM).

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERATION OF THESE COMMENTS.

Paul O. Leimbach

P.S.
THE DEIS WAS WELL ORGANIZED & DISPLAYED & I THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT.