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Thank you for the work done to create an extremely thorough DEIS on the BPA Libby-Troy Rebuild Project. Since it is like reading an exhaustive concordance, I resigned myself to reading sections of interest over different periods of time. Having done so, I concur with your Proposed Action to rebuild the Libby-Troy section at the same voltage (115 kV) with a combination of steel H-frame and single wood pole and steel pole structures with the Kootenai River realignment option. Cost and environmental concerns tended to make me agree with this option. Your consideration of the 1992 alternative transmission line routes and alternative realignment options (but eliminated) was appreciated, and it assured me that comments received prior to the DEIS had been taken seriously. The No Action Alternative seems nearly unthinkable due to the risk of fire, inevitable power outages with emergency repairs as a result of the deteriorating wood poles and cross arms. The rebuild job needs to be done. Thank you for your thoroughness in addressing the potential impacts of the three major realignment options and also mitigation measures for the impacts. Since the Proposed Action will also have impacts on the residents all along the rebuild, especially during the 2-month construction period, I hope construction will go smoothly and that residents will be cooperative. It is understandable that it will be a moderate to high impact during this time. In conclusion, thank you again for the public meetings, all the work put in so far, and sending the DEIS. May the rebuild project be successful without any major setbacks.

Sincerely, Lena Whitson