

MSTI Review Project

October 20, 2011 Whitehall, MT



Presentation Outline

- Project Background
- Project Information
- How Montana Counties can Participate

Background

- MSTI MFSA application (2008)
- 500 kV transmission line
- 430 miles - Townsend, MT to Jerome, ID.
- Preliminary Draft EIS (2010)
 - Surprise Preferred Alternative
- Partnership engaged Sept. 2010
- Phase I complete July 2011
- MSTI Review Project: Sept 2011- May 2012



Why DID WE FORM?

“The MSTI Review Project believes that it is essential to work together to protect rural lifestyles, private property, *and* the natural environment. To that end, we are providing an independent analysis and outreach to affected MSTI counties that will ultimately lead to better planning outcomes from a variety of perspectives that are often seen as mutually exclusive.”

**Dan Happel, Madison County (MT)
Commissioner**

What is the project?

A unique effort between Montana (and Idaho) counties and nongovernmental organizations to conduct an independent and transparent analysis of the proposed Mountain States Transmission Intertie (MSTI).

The Project is working to:

- Better understand the need and context of the line,
- Balance energy development with local values by identifying corridors while protecting rural communities and the environment, and
- Assess economic impacts and benefits of the line.

Project Components

RESEARCH

- **Providing peer-reviewed, accessible information about energy resources, viability and need for the line, what the line will carry, and who will pay for it.**



Project Components

ECONOMIC

- **Conducting an economic analysis for counties that evaluates the potential amount of revenue generated as well as potential impact on property values.**



Project Components

MAPPING ANALYSIS

➤ Developing an objective and transparent mapping analysis of the MSTI line to empower local governments to make informed decisions on proposed routing alternatives as they relate to economic, rural, and environmental values.



Breakout Sessions

Presentations and Q&A

- Economic
- Mapping
- General

Ways to participate

- Project Liaison Group
- Mapping Workshop: December 8, 2011, Whitehall Community Center (12:30-5:30)
- Final Presentation (project results): 2012

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