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Comments: I have previously posted some concerns on this scoping page (Letter ID 50516-2031-52) and attended the Cascade scoping meeting, but neglected to mention another important item. In regards to the increase of the 69 kv power line to 138 kv, I already noted direct health concerns of nearby residents and adverse impacts to property values, visual impacts of higher, larger and more lines and from current wood poles to larger metal poles, noise issue (hum and static), etc.

What I failed to address in the former comments on this particular issue was my concern whether all property owners, whether or not the lots have homes on them, have been contacted prior to the scoping meetings. Some owners also may live out of state yet plan a future home on their property and unaware of the proposed line changes or comment period. So my question is.... have all property and home owners been contacted to assure they are aware that the power lines will greatly change from less than one megawatt to 40 to 50 megawatts? The voltage will double. The wires will increase in number and size. The poles will change to metal and be higher and wider. I wasn't informed of any these changes. There are about 20 properties that the line's right of way crosses over in my subdivision alone, with houses on more than half of them which are in very close proximity to the line. I have no idea how many are outside my subdivision along the power line corridor. I asked this of an Idaho Power representative, who I requested to look at my cabin's close proximity to the line (and others nearby), and he said he had no idea whether anyone has been contacted. He also agreed with my power line concerns. The NEPA process IS FLAWED if these property owners haven't been contacted prior to scoping since they cannot make a comment of record in the EIS analysis unless first commenting now in this scoping period. This is a public process isn't it? What agency is responsible for contacting these people and have they? This should also include those owners along the mine's access route where traffic will substantially increase. I trust we the people will get some response, and answers, from a responsible agency whether the public and those most directly impacted are being included and informed. Thank you.