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**From:** on behalf of BPA Public Involvement  
**Subject:** FW: Caribou - Lower Valley Energy Project (BPA-LVE)

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**From:** Mitchell J Hart [mailto:mjhart57@icsofidaho.com]  
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**Cc:** 'Jim Webb'; makorsness@bpa.com; 'Mitchell J Hart'; terrasystems@earthlink.net; 'GEORGE FORD'  
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To: Rich Gillman – Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

CC Jim Webb – CEO, Lower Valley Energy  
 Mark Korsness – Project Manager, BPA

Reference: BPA-LVE – Caribou Lower Valley Energy Project  
[http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/default.cfm?page=CLVE](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/default.cfm?page=CLVE)

It was with great interest that we read in the Caribou County Sun and on your website of the upcoming Public Meeting to be held on June 6 regarding the Caribou - Lower Valley Energy Substation and Transmission Line Project.

From a community standpoint -- (I have served on the Soda Springs City Council for the past ten-plus years and oversee Soda Springs' Municipal Power) – we welcome your targeted investment in the region and pledge our support to the successful completion of the Project.

From a professional standpoint, please consider the following:

- As you press forward under the NEPA, Environmental Assessment and/or the Environmental Impact Statement Processes, you may be required to consider “Alternatives”. If so, please consider Mountain Island Energy, LLC’s (MIE) property located approximately 1 mile SE of your proposed transmission line terminus. We consider our site as an ideal alternative for both your proposed substation and line termination – for the following reasons:
  - MIE owns 423 acres adjacent (east/southeast) to the Tronox, LLC (formerly Kerr McGee) industrial site
  - The Idaho Power -- Bridger to Goshen 345 kV power line bisects the MIE property
  - We are strategically located to the east of the 138kV Utah Power transmission lines.
  - A 46kV Utah Power distribution line crosses the length our property
  - Our site is being considered for new electric generation – i.e. thermal power and/or wind energy – to meet the need of existing and future planned growth in eastern Idaho and Western Wyoming
  - We have commenced fundamental baseline studies as a precursor to permitting our site for development.
- We are very familiar with the “local landscape” – geographically, environmentally and politically. We would be happy to assist BPA and LVE professionally in the assessment, permitting, land and rights-of-way acquisition, engineering and development of the Project.

Attachment – Attached please find -- Mountain Island Energy, LLC’s Site Overview

Let’s us know how we can help as a community and professionally.

Best Regards,

5/31/2006

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