

Please Take One More Look!

Governor Schweitzer and Montana DEQ are deciding *now* where to route Mountain States Transmission Intertie (MSTI). The decision will be released in early April, 2010.

Is Jefferson Valley the path of least resistance? It is clear that community input influences MSTI routing decisions. Let them know we will organize and act to protect our land and landscape! **If you wait, it's too late.**

"Jefferson Valley" has been labeled a "public land option" by NorthWestern Energy and MT DEQ, thereby understating the serious impacts of MSTI on the landowners and residents in greater Whitehall as well as the Jefferson and Boulder Valleys. Within Jefferson County, the vast majority of the proposed Whitehall/Jefferson Valley route (1B and 2C) is on private property, and does not nearly approach the principle of "**Public Land for Public Benefit.**"



Are you aware what a dominant feature the proposed MSTI would be?



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Dear Montana Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"),

I am concerned about 500 kV towers and transmission lines in greater Whitehall, Jefferson Valley and Boulder Valley for these reasons:

- *Permanent loss of the open and scenic character of the land and landscape that greater Whitehall residents treasure;*
- *Health effects from the Electromagnetic Fields (EMF's) and consequent risks to children, livestock, and wildlife corridors;*
- *Use of eminent domain powers to take land by force and transfer wealth from ranchers to corporations;*
- *Inadequate compensation to greater Whitehall and Jefferson/Boulder Valley public for loss of future growth and economic development (e.g. tourism, recreation) caused by visual pollution;*
- *Lack of notification and consideration to landowners and other residents about the project and its proposed routes;*
- *Loss of grazing and farm land to towers, rights-of-way, EMF fields, and maintenance roads.*

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Signed _____

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