

## Thane Harpole

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February 12, 2008 11:35 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Stop the West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. I believe that this is absolutely the Wrong way to go. Energy is a big issue for our nation, and the world. I consider it one of our time's greatest challenges. But designating huge energy corridors that pander to old, extractive energy technology is a horrific move in the wrong direction. We have alternatives now, and we need to move towards the alternatives. There is no better time than now to begin this change- before we sacrifice enormous swaths of the American landscape for temporary, wasteful energy sources.

If we must designate these corridors, you must ensure that they are as minimal as possible in their footprint and environmental impact. However, the best alternative is to abort these plans and begin thinking about responsible alternative energy.

Sincerely,  
Thane Harpole  
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## Cam Wolff

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February 12, 2008 11:15 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

My husband and I are campers and have traveled in many wild regions of the US. We are concerned that the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Teresa Ellett**

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February 12, 2008 8:58 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Hi Argonne National Labs, I would like to voice my opinion on the West Wide Energy Corridor project. We must stop destroying our natural resources to build new, there must be a better way. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thankyou for considering my opinion. Sincerely, Teresa Ellett po 1061 307S, Ryan St. Orange Grove 78372-1061

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## **Dr. B. F. Samuel**

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February 12, 2008 5:39 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Every Department has a role to play for the collective safety of our land, the danger to our health, and for the beautification of these splendid wilderness.

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## Lois Gullerud

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February 12, 2008 5:29 PM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Grace Neff

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February 12, 2008 5:05 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Our wild lands are being destroyed at an alarming rate and future generations will surely pay a high price for the destruction.

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Sincerely,  
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## **Margaret Adam**

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PO Box 5197 , Bozeman, MT 59717

February 12, 2008 4:49 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposals in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) would have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

These corridors would cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

It is essential to make certain that new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed. There is great potential for embedded generation, and with power sources close to the power demand security is increased and the potential for grid failures reduced. We should use technological improvements to expand the capacity of existing corridors before considering creating new ones.

Many of the proposed corridors cross public lands containing important cultural and natural resources - including some of our National Parklands. The impact on such lands would be devastating. These places must not be destroyed in a rush to create corridors that are not necessary if we instead use improved technology and engineering to increase capacity in other ways. We have one of the highest standards of living in the world, but we can destroy the things that make our lives good (such as clean air, wildlife and national parks). It is a foolish course to destroy our valuable and irreplaceable assets for extra energy that can be provided in other ways.

I expect you to see that independent scientist, engineers and conservationists are included in the planning process for future energy developments. I insist that projects be subject to best management practices to limit resource damage. You must make thorough assessments of the risks to federal land and to other lands affected by these proposals so that risks can be avoided. Cumulative impacts must be analyzed so that potential damage will not be ignored by piecemeal evaluations.

If appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands must be limited to those corridors.

Wild areas with designations in pending wilderness legislation must be avoided until impacts to their potential has been completely analyzed. Wild and Scenic rivers and other such designated lands must also be avoided.

Alternatives must be presented for public comment as is required by NEPA.

Without these changes, there can be no assurance of proper use of our public lands. Please see to it that this process appropriately conducted.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Adam  
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Bozeman, MT 59717

## **Richard Andrews**

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February 12, 2008 4:17 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have substantial adverse impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the West. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. That is half the size of the State of Vermont, where I live!

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## James Sorrells

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February 12, 2008 4:12 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: TAKE A STAND! West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

We have an obligation to our children to protect the environment. If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them something more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning.?  
--President Lyndon B. Johnson, upon signing the Wilderness Act in 1964

It is the legacy and future for all of us.

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## David Bills

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February 12, 2008 3:55 PM

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We are counting on you! Please help us to achieve our goals as outlined above.

Sincerely, David Bills 1960 SW Camelot Ct #204 Portland, OR 97225

Sincerely,  
David Bills  
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## Steve Birge

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February 12, 2008 2:47 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor: Do it right

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Elena Tucci

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February 12, 2008 2:27 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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## Jean Finney

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February 12, 2008 2:27 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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I am very concerned about the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS)> It seems that they will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. These resources are priceless!

Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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**judy fishman**

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February 12, 2008 2:16 PM

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Sincerely,  
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## Wendy Schorr

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February 12, 2008 2:09 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I would like to comment on the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS).

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Sincerely,  
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## Susan Davis

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February 12, 2008 2:00 PM

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Argonne, IL 60439

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Since our tax dollars pay for these lands, they need to be used to serve the public!

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Susan Davis  
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Largo, FL 33774

**susan allen**

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February 12, 2008 1:51 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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susan allen  
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## Toni Siegrist

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17 Quincy Street , Cambridge, MA 02138

February 12, 2008 1:31 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## Helena Dworakowski

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February 12, 2008 1:25 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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I truly believe it is time to consider renewable energy options over the continued destruction of what little wildlands are left. For the sake of my childrens, children I want this land preserved as is for recreational use and wildlife preservation. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Helena Dworakowski  
6507 26th Ave NW  
Seattle, WA 98117

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February 12, 2008 12:53 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

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kind, may peace bless this proposal.

Sincerely,  
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## **Laurel Tucker**

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676 W. 9th St. , Claremont, CA 91711

February 12, 2008 12:46 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I'm concerned about plans to run pipelines and power lines through protected wild areas. Not only would this upset the balance of wildlife and permanently damage these beautiful landscapes, but pipe- and power lines promote energy supply methods that cannot be sustained.

Oil and coal are limited resources, and to destroy natural habitats to distribute them is incredibly short-sighted. If our society is to continue, we must develop alternate sources that provide clean and sustainable power.

I support the Wilderness Society and its position on this subject.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Sincerely,  
Laurel Tucker  
676 W. 9th St.  
Claremont, CA 91711

## **Carol Gisselquist**

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February 12, 2008 12:41 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Contesting the West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am writing to contest the plan to establish a huge energy corridor across western states public lands without regard to the lands torn up in the process. Moreover, without any energy conservation and use plan for the nation, the presumed rationale is dig up and use up as much energy as we can get. That is not an acceptable strategy, and not an acceptable plan for ravaging public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Carol Gisselquist  
29 West Governor Road  
Hershey, PA 17033

## Corey E. Olsen

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W334S724 Cushing Park Rd. , Delafield, WI 530182441

February 12, 2008 12:18 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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**Barbara Williamson**

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February 12, 2008 11:46 AM

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Sincerely,  
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## **Jill Grundfest**

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1063 Co. Hwy. 25 , Richfield Springs, NY 13439

February 12, 2008 11:37 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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**andrew bishop**

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115 E Kelly, Apt. A , Jackson, WY 83002

February 12, 2008 11:32 AM

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And please help conserve resources by responding to this and other public comment via email rather than written letter.

Sincerely,  
andrew bishop  
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Jackson, WY 83002

## **Katherine Hagan**

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13452 County Road 5-South , Alamosa, CO 81101

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13452 County Road 5-South  
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## Gloria Sferra

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February 12, 2008 11:14 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
Gloria Sferra  
4521 1/2 So. Bond St..  
Seattle, WA 98118

## Curtis Goss

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816 E. Lindon , Bolivar, MO 65613

February 12, 2008 10:37 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: re. West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
Curtis Goss  
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Bolivar, MO 65613

## Janine Goodwin

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POB 84 1050 S. Johnson, Prairie City, OR 97869

February 12, 2008 10:02 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Why destroy more wildlands in search of fossil fuels, with increasingly diminishing returns, when we could put the money and time into conservation and alternate energy sources, and be ahead a hundred years from now?

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Prairie City, OR 97869

## **REBECCA RATCLIFF**

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20669 PEACH , Tremont, IL 61568

February 12, 2008 9:22 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

**STOP THIS MADNESS.** Having seen aerial views in Wyoming of places I vacationed, I am appalled at the destruction.

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Sincerely,  
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## Lynne Draper

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PO Box 441 , Wilton, NH 03086

February 12, 2008 8:57 AM

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Sincerely,  
Lynne Draper  
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Wilton, NH 03086

## Carla David

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February 12, 2008 8:31 AM

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Don't cave in to special interests, and keep them from carving up and polluting these special wild lands.

Sincerely,  
Carla David  
11173 Main St  
Hewitt, WI 54441

## **Robin Swanson**

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1430 Aalapapa Dr., #1 , Kailua, HI 96734

February 12, 2008 5:50 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: PROTECT West-wide Energy Corridor!!

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have devastating impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 MILLION acres of "public" lands! With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the **PROTECTION** of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans!!  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Robin Swanson  
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Kailua, HI 96734

## **Elizabeth Davis**

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February 12, 2008 2:12 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring THE PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE LANDS AND ECOSYSTEMS BY:

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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Davis  
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Sterling, VA 20164

## **Robert O'Donnell**

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February 12, 2008 1:10 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
Robert O'Donnell  
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## Corey Johnson

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February 12, 2008 1:06 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please Help Protect the Western Wild Lands

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am a student recently graduated from college. I am writing to you today to ask that you help prevent some of the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS). It will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
Corey Johnson  
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Forest Ranch, CA 95942

## Christopher Devine

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5143 North Neenah , Chicago, IL 60656

February 12, 2008 1:04 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

Sincerely, Christopher Devine 5143 North Neenah Chicago, IL 60656

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Chicago, IL 60656

## **Deborah Uhlman**

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161 E Chicago Avenue , Chicago, IL 60611

February 11, 2008 11:43 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Protect our wildlife places!

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Let me be clear! I wish our limited remaining wildlife places to be fully protected! This administration has led a campaign to destroy wildlife in the name of "God". It is proposterous. I ask that all remaining wildlife areas be protected from those persones in denial and profiteers. I am disgusted by what this administration is doing!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Uhlman  
161 E Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Sue Iri

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2755 Angus Street , Los Angeles, CA 90039

February 11, 2008 11:12 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless PUBLICLY-OWNED WILDLANDS and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sue Iri  
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Los Angeles, CA 90039

## **Michele Shimizu**

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32 Grove Street , Boston, MA 02114

February 11, 2008 10:48 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
Michele Shimizu

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Boston, MA 02114

## Consuelo Larrabee

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February 11, 2008 10:28 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

**WE SHOULD BE THE STEWARDS OF THE LAND & IN THE WEST, LAND & SKY GO TOGETHER.** The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
Consuelo Larrabee  
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Seattle, WA 98199

## Theresa Lianzi

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February 11, 2008 8:42 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridors

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Hollywood, FL 33019

## **Vicki Motz**

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February 11, 2008 8:41 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

There is entirely too much dependence in this country on non-renewable energy sources. I would like to see a moratorium on any new development of non-renewable resources and put all of the energy development energies of this country into renewable energy sources. If it means asking people to change their lifestyles to guarantee there will be something worth passing along to ur children so be it. For 23 years we have lived in an off-grid home powered by solar panels and a windmill and heated by wood. It required some sacrifices, yes but it is worth giving up air conditioning to get clean air. Keep public lands as protected as possible. where deveolpment must occur do so responsibly.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

If so designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands.

By moving forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government acted against the best interest of future generations.

To minimize damage to the future of this country would involve ensuring that:

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## **Sandy Volkmann**

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February 11, 2008 8:40 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Meghan Mackenzie**

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February 11, 2008 7:52 PM

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## **ELIZABETH GRASER-LINDSEY**

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February 11, 2008 6:31 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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**THIS IS A TERRIBLE PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND PEAK OIL. THIS KIND OF THINKING GOT US INTO THESE PROBLEMS IN THE FIRST PLACE. NEW ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE APPROACHES NEED TO BE FOLLOWED NOW.**

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## Susan Badzek

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Sincerely,  
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## Joseph Bridy, AIA

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February 11, 2008 6:26 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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By unilaterally usurping power left by the US Constitution with the people while diluting the responsibility for a flawed process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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## Justin Donohoe

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February 11, 2008 6:06 PM

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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

In this time of higher fuel prices and higher risk factors in places where most of our energy natural resources are found, it is important that we not react by paying high natural heritage prices and increasing the risk on our own natural resources - including our environment. Taking the quick route now will ensure a long payment plan for our children. We can do better.

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## Alicia Crews

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Our world-reknown iconic spaces are going to be scarred by public works?! Outrageous!

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## Wayne B. Peters

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February 11, 2008 5:57 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The problem with these corridors is that in some places they are exposed. I go to these states to view the scenery that is not wrecked by pipelines, etc. If it is possible, re-route them another. The view of scenic areas in the west is hampered by gas and oil development, etc. That is bad enough, lets not add to it with pipelines, etc. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Eric Eilerman**

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February 11, 2008 5:48 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please accept my comments on the proposed West-wide Energy Corridor.

The currently proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have major consequences to wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, scenic areas and many other resources on public lands across the west.

The scope of these corridors will impact almost 3 million acres of public lands, and should therefore be open to the wishes of the American public.

I believe that the proposals should take a responsible approach to use public lands with the least impact on sensitive areas, including:

- determining whether new pipelines or powerlines are really needed - federal agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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## **Robert Herdliska**

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Margaret Adams

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February 11, 2008 5:40 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As you know, the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. These corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, don't you think thatg public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is indeed a positive and not a negative step for our public lands?!

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## Judith Essex

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February 11, 2008 5:18 PM

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## Judith Castiano

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February 11, 2008 5:10 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Why are special interests being allowed to add to the global warming problem? Why are they being allowed to raped the wilderness and kill the wildlife? The people of this nation have spoken, time and time again. We want our wilderness areas and wildlife protected. We do not want to be sold out, how much clearer can we be?

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## Phillip Poole

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February 11, 2008 4:59 PM

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## **Barbara Rowe**

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February 11, 2008 4:57 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: Study alternatives to the West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Shannon Mortensen**

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February 11, 2008 4:53 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Comments on West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I'm writing today to ask that the DoE keep pipelines and powerlines out of special places and to use this opportunity to facilitate wind and solar power, not coal-fired power plants.

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Sincerely,  
Shannon Mortensen  
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## **Michelle Hoff**

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February 11, 2008 4:49 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As an outdoor lover, adventure enthusiast, hiker, camper, fisherwoman, wildlife lover, I thank you for allowing me to comment.

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## Gael Howatt

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## BettyJean Green

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February 11, 2008 4:45 PM

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## David Smith

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February 11, 2008 4:41 PM

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Sincerely,  
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## Serena Overdevest

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February 11, 2008 4:37 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## Tanya Paul

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February 11, 2008 4:35 PM

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## **Rich Elkins**

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## **Kathleen Colwill**

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## Debra Pena

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## **F Hammer**

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February 11, 2008 3:58 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I remember the first time I visited the Grand SStaircase - Escalante area - it was awesome. The open space and colors were magnificent. As someone who lives in an urban environment, traveling to these incredible places where there are no signs of development is crucial. It would not have the same impact if the scene was marred w/ wires and transmission towers. There must be another way.

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## **Marin Kress**

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February 11, 2008 3:56 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor. I oppose it and favor smart energy development/conservation instead.

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
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## **Kirk Johnson**

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February 11, 2008 3:36 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: DOE's Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am writing to comment on the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS). will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. These corridors are projected to 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands--lands that the majority of Americans want preserved in their current pristine wilderness state.

Before creating such expensive and disruptive powerlines and pipelines, the government should attempt to maximize the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades. While it is likely that additional oil or hydrogen pipelines will be necessary, finding optimal routes that are able to bypass wilderness areas should be seriously examined.

Federal agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;

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wind generating farms are being created in North Dakota alone; these should be prioritized more into the electrical grid.

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**Diane M. DeGirolamo**

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Do not harm the Land or the Sea or the Trees....  
REVELATION 7:3 (NIV)

Please do not create more pollution that will further add to the on going effects of "Global Warming".

I ask you please to look into producing energy through solar as well as from the wind.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

God Bless our World!

Sincerely,  
Diane M. DeGirolamo  
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- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

Energy in America is in crisis because, in large part, Americans waste what they have. We consume more than 100 times the amount of energy of any other nation. We must stop wasting that energy! People need to shut down TVs part of each day, turn off lights in rooms they are not using, plan automobile trips to save gasoline. Instead of CONSUME, CONSUME, CONSUME, Americans need to adopt practices of CONSERVE, CONSERVE, CONSERVE. Only then should new sources be considered. I think it would surprise both the public and the government to know how much energy could be saved for necessary use if we just cut out the frivolous waste of energy each day.

- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;

Why devastate our precious and vanishing public lands with further industrialization?  
Wilderness cannot be renewed once it is lost to development. Once you have encroached on these special places, they will be damaged beyond human ability to repair.

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With global warming affecting every life on this planet, it is pure folly to initiate more polluting industries that use coal, oil, gas or nuclear power. If these corridors were to convey clean energy -- solar power, wind power, that would be wiser.

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed but needs to be. Wild and Scenic Rivers should not be left out.

- alternatives are presented and considered: The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **William Robins**

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February 11, 2008 3:07 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

We must ensure we find the best path forward. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Don't you get it???

We don't need more pipelines to transport more fuel. We don't need more powerlines to carry the energy needed to produce and transport more energy generated by burning more fossil fuel.

We we do need is to develop technology for solar, wind, tidal and geothermal energy - to be produced and stored for use locally.

Please, please, get the gigantic \$\$\$\$ off your eyes and see that &&&& won't be of any use to you or your shareholders if you have made Earth uninhabitable.

I want to live a healthy life even if you don't! So who has given you the right to poison all of us?

Sincerely,  
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## **James Lukas**

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February 11, 2008 3:03 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross.

All projects must be subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views. Agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;

Agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected.

Agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors.

Agencies should reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy.

Wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors and must be avoided. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided.

The agencies should provide the public with choices.

This will protect our publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for everyone.

Sincerely,  
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## Lowell Underhill

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February 11, 2008 2:59 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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February 11, 2008 2:55 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor:Please act Responsibly

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Thank you.

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## Jen Desmond

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February 11, 2008 2:47 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Plan for the West

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Hello,

There are fewer and fewer places left pristine in nature, and I feel that if we do not start respecting the land now, it will soon be too late for humanity to live sustainable and in harmony with nature. We were intended to live symbiotically with our environment, but we are living parasitically and we will destroy the planet if we do not change our ways.

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## Siobhan Casey

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February 11, 2008 2:16 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Sharon Smolinski**

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February 11, 2008 2:13 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: Change plan for West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Ensure that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed!
- Analyze: are federal lands really the necessary locations?
- Avoid special or sensitive public lands!
- Limit damage to resources, recreation and views
- Limit projects on federal lands to corridors
- Consider access for renewable energy!
- Avoid wild areas pending designation!!
- Present and consider alternatives

Do it Right!

Sincerely,  
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## **Joshua Switzky**

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February 11, 2008 2:07 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: No power corridors through wilderness and other federal lands

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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## Melissa Bryan

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February 11, 2008 1:51 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor-THINK!

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Thank you.

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February 11, 2008 1:43 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor/GOD IS WATCHING!

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## Helen Shaffer

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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It is difficult for me to accept, given that we can now without doubt know how we treat our environment is crucial in preventing global warming and other environmental issues. Why the present administration continues to push for oil exploration and other energy sources destructive to our environment is beyond understanding.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Subject: NOT on Our wild lands! Say No to the West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Our federal energy department should work to use the best available technology in distributed generation. Large scale grid systems carry as much liability and vulnerabilities as they do energy. Why are we not reading about new opportunities to really serve the energy needs of our citizens? Where is our research on alternatives to oil, gas and coal generated electricity. Why does this plea for pathways through our public lands ring hollow with a lack of vision for a real sustainable energy future? Could it be that research has been sequestered by the same private companies that seek to profit from feeding us more petrol-based energy? Or is it that our politicians have made it impossible for scientists to excel at offering us a safer, cleaner energy future?

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Better yet make them evolve, whether they believe that is a scientific possibility or not.

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## Michael Walter

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## **Martin Gromulat**

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Gail Marsh

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2713 McDowell Road , Durham, NC 27705

February 11, 2008 12:39 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Western Energy Corridors

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The DOE's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have a significant negative effect on wildlife habitat, and recreation facilities on western federal lands. The area under consideration is huge and must be considered very cautiously. The planned corridors will cover 6,000 miles about 3 million acres of public land.

Before any new pipelines or powerlines are built they must establish by scientific analysis that they are needed, not just desired by the utilities. When performing analyses to establish "need" the possibility of using alternative energy sources instead of fossil fuels should be part of the analysis. Also, any new pipelines or powerlines that have established their "need" should be built outside of the public lands if possible.

Conservation groups should be given a place in the public conversation over these federal lands since these groups are informed voices for the public interest.

Public comment is less focused when there is only one plan presented. To have several alternatives presented for consideration would be helpful because this would help inform the public about what other possibilities were considered feasible.

Sincerely,  
Gail Marsh  
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## **Kathryn John**

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February 11, 2008 12:38 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
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**Elizabeth Purvis**

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February 11, 2008 12:34 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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Seattle, WA 98125

## **Katrina Frey**

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February 11, 2008 12:34 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a successful organic farmer surrounded by woodlands, I have learned that the health of our agricultural system is dependent upon the health of our wild lands. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
Katrina Frey  
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Redwood Valley, CA 95470

## **Randall Paske**

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February 11, 2008 12:02 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## Dan Niosi

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February 11, 2008 11:49 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west (hence your rationale for preparing an EIS). Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
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Denver, CO 80210

## **Barbara Anger**

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Park Pl , Ithaca, NY 14850

February 11, 2008 11:46 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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## Wendy Wilde

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February 11, 2008 11:40 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

When will our wild lands be of more value to us than selling it away? When will it be unthinkable to disrupt or endanger what our pristine wild lands and wildlife? The Department of Energy should be spending money and resources on what to do when the wild lands are gone, because if we don't stop now, they will be.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Wilde  
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## Glen McDonnell

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February 11, 2008 11:38 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Western Energy Corridors

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Are you seriously considering creating an energy corridor that would affect Arches National Park?

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources and many other resources on federal lands across the west. By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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Sincerely,  
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Atlanta, GA 30339

## James Miller

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155 Merryman Court , Annapolis, MD 214014203

February 11, 2008 11:36 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Any program implemented will cause changes to the environment will have a definite impact on our wetlands and the wildlife that inhabits those areas. Environmental impact studies must be evaluated by a Department of the Environment prior to implementation of any program that will impact any federal lands.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
James Miller  
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Annapolis, MD 21401-4203

## Orion Bobo

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February 11, 2008 11:35 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: The West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
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## **Jean Blackwood**

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February 11, 2008 11:34 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) contains proposed designations that will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands in the American west. Such designated corridors would cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale development likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and
- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jean Blackwood  
506 Olive  
Carthage, MO 64836

## **Karen Turnbull**

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3606 Towhee Court , Punta Gorda, FL 33950

February 11, 2008 11:28 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is **CRUCIAL** to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it **RIGHT**. This would involve:

- **ENSURING** that new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through **OTHER OPTIONS**, including increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- **ENSURING** that federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are **AVOIDED** altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to **AVOID** them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to **MOVE CORRIDORS OUT** of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- **ENSURE** that projects are subjected to best management practices to **LIMIT** damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures **MANDATORY**;
- **ENSURE** that **RISKS** to federal and other affected lands are realistically and **THOROUGHLY ASSESSED** assessed so those risks can be **AVOIDED** or **MINIMIZED**: agencies should analyze

cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- ENSURE that once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively LIMITED to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

- ENSURE that consideration is given to improving access for RENEWABLE energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to REDUCE our dependence on fossil fuels, LIMIT the effects of climate change and help build a SUSTAINABLE energy future for the West by seriously evaluating ALTERNATIVES to maximize use of renewable energy;

- ENSURE that WILD AREAS PENDING DESIGNATION, including wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) which will also be impacted by the proposed corridors be AVOIDED. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider MOVING or MODIFYING corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be AVOIDED

- ENSURE that ALTERNATIVES are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the PUBLIC with CHOICES - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the PROTECTION of our PRICELESS publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Karen Turnbull  
3606 Towhee Court  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

## John Mayew

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February 11, 2008 11:25 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. If not you are destroying what little wilderness is left to feed the greed of corporate interests. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
John Mayew  
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Landenberg, PA 19350

## **Ken Burleson**

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February 11, 2008 11:11 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I have just learned of the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) that will run powerlines and energy pipelines through much of our pristine open spaces. This will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

There must be protection of the environment built into such a proposal. I realize that the pipelines and powerlines may be needed to supply future energy needs, but I feel we must also be moving toward alternative energy sources instead of continuing to support petroleum- and coal-based energy production. This proposal does nothing to move us toward a new energy source. If the designation is approved as it is, then we are destroying the environment for future generations simply to maintain our current dependence on these sources.

If we must have these lines, I would suggest that:

- we must determine that new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- We must determine that federal lands are the only possible location for these lines. In addition, special or sensitive public lands are to be avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ken Burleson  
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Hickory, NC 28601

## Marc Stein

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February 11, 2008 11:10 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor Boondoggle

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Even in the unlikely event that this is necessary, the majority of people would want it to wait until the next administration. We want the job to be done right and with the environment in mind, not corporate profits.

You need to just sit tight, collect your undeserved paychecks and wait to be dismissed by the next president.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Mary Liss

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February 11, 2008 11:07 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-Wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Brookfield, IL 60513

## Linda Andrews

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P.O. Box 97 , Canterbury, CT 06331

February 11, 2008 10:56 AM

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Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Linda Andrews  
P.O. Box 97  
Canterbury, CT 06331

## **Kevin Walker**

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February 11, 2008 10:51 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Problems with the Westwide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Walker  
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Haymarket, VA 20169

## **Kathleen Winebrenner**

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3907 Forsythe Way , Tallahassee, FL 32309

February 11, 2008 10:48 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
Kathleen Winebrenner  
3907 Forsythe Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

## **Drew VandeCreek**

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February 11, 2008 10:44 AM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

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DeKalb, IL 60115

## Joe Gally

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February 11, 2008 10:35 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Dorothy Jones**

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February 11, 2008 10:29 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

**PLEASE STOP KILLING THE PLANET! THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD NOT DESTROY THE WAY THESE THINGS DO. PUT GREED ASIDE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL HUMANITY!**

Sincerely,  
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## **Pamela Morris**

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February 11, 2008 10:07 AM

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## Nancy Gronlund

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February 11, 2008 10:00 AM

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## **Michele Edgcomb**

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February 11, 2008 9:57 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

If enthusiastic attention to finding alternative fuel sources would be pursued we wouldn't need to foul our wilderness areas with this affront, but as it's been decided . . .

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## Carol Fletcher

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February 11, 2008 9:56 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Running oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines and electrical powerlines willy nilly through our country's open spaces and treasured landscapes is not an acceptable plan.

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## Rosalba Cofer

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12605 Indian Lane , Waldorf, MD 20601

February 11, 2008 9:55 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor?Preseve what is loaned to us by future generations

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Sincerely,  
Rosalba Cofer  
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Waldorf, MD 20601

## Grady Spoonamore

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114 Friar Ln. , Carrboro, NC 27510

February 11, 2008 9:53 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Change the West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am extremely concerned for the local environments in these areas, the impact of this corridor in the immediate as well as long term time frames.

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Grady Spoonamore  
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Carrboro, NC 27510

## Thomas Meacham

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February 11, 2008 9:42 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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**judith sanders**

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February 11, 2008 9:38 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The electric power grid is terribly vulnerable to natural disaster and human attack, so let's not extend it anywhere! Free Americans need power that is generated no further away than their own township cooperative. If you have passed 8th grade, then you already know that fossil fuels are destroying our world, and that many alternatives are available NOW.

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## **Eileen Arena**

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February 11, 2008 9:10 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

These lands belong to the American tax payer. We want them protected and left in their natural state. Keep your special interest from exploiting public lands. Keep your roads and powerlines, etc. off of the American public's parks and wilderness. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Arena  
9 Ridge road  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

## Cathy Brunick

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February 11, 2008 9:04 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Care must be taken to ensure that the above things are not destroyed or altered because once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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Also, I would also hope that the agencies involved are would charge appropriate fees for the use of any of our public lands. The energy companies already enjoy numerous tax breaks which enhance their profits. Our public lands needn't be compromised to enhance private interests' bottom line.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Brunick  
14133 Walkers Crossing Dr.  
Charlotte, NC 28273

## **Matthew Katinsky**

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February 11, 2008 9:02 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I find the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) to be ill-conceived, short-sighted, and ethically indefensible. At a time when every scientist in the world is warning us of global warming, and when our wilderness areas are shrinking, the priority in our energy policy must be on reducing our consumption of fossil fuel and seeking alternative forms of energy that are not finite, destructive, polluting, and dangerous to our health and environment.

Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## Mark Hodie

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1440 Melbrook , Munster, IN 46321

February 11, 2008 8:53 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Coal is the past. Coal is the present.  
Coal is NOT the future!

Oil is the past. Oil is the present.  
Oil is NOT the future!

Enough of our beautiful lands have already been ruined by everything from drilling to logging to roads and OTV use.

Can we please leave at least some of our parks, forests, and wilderness ALONE??!!

The only thing that allowing more pipelines and power lines does is prolong our dependence on non-renewable energy!

Someone, someplace, needs to think of the future and stand up to the oil, coal, and gas lobbyists!  
Do you have the courage to save our lands?!

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Sincerely,  
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## **William and Diana Ristom**

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161 Hillview Dr. NW , Cleveland, TN 373126227

February 11, 2008 8:44 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor, Proposed

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
William and Diana Ristom  
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Cleveland, TN 37312-6227

## Gretchen Zeiger-May

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293 E. Harvey Farm Road , Waterbury Center, VT 05677

February 11, 2008 8:39 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant dire impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, tribal livelihood and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup guaranteed likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is **CRUCIAL, MANDATORY and ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL** to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands and our dwindling wilderness and natural areas.

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Gretchen Zeiger-May  
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## **Kevin Bickers**

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501 Nautical Blvd. N. , Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

February 11, 2008 8:27 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please listen to the many voices of concern

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Bickers  
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Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

## Mary Bart

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W8304 Mann Road , Willard, WI 54493

February 11, 2008 8:09 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Protect our natural areas from intrusion. They are irreplaceable and vital to our health and survival as a human species.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mary Bart  
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Willard, WI 54493

## Alex Nadolishny

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334 Orchard Rd , Jefferson Valley, NY 10535

February 11, 2008 8:09 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As an environmental engineering professional, I would like to voice my concerns regarding the planned Energy Corridor. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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- a true long-term (life-cycle) cost analysis is performed with regards to the cost of energy produced from non-renewable sources and building of associated infrastructure, which are all too often excluded from the calculations; such cost analysis shall include the loss of tourism revenues, biodiversity impacts; cost of mitigating health impacts, etc.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Alex Nadolishny  
334 Orchard Rd  
Jefferson Valley, NY 10535

## **Kenn Bradley**

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4023 E. Hiddenview Drive , Phoenix, AZ 85048

February 11, 2008 8:02 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Don't abuse the West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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I have watched many science programs that demonstrate we have the technology now to be utilizing clean, sustainable energy.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kenn Bradley  
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Phoenix, AZ 85048

## Mary Suda

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588 Grooms Road , Clifton Park, NY 12065

February 11, 2008 7:51 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
Mary Suda  
588 Grooms Road  
Clifton Park, NY 12065

## Jeff Lewis

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10495 SW 80 ST , Miami, FL 33173-2913

February 11, 2008 7:23 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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Sincerely,  
Jeff Lewis  
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Miami, FL 33173-2913

## Terry Woods

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February 11, 2008 6:03 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor in western states

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Sincerely,  
Terry Woods  
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## **Diane Johnson Hydoski**

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February 11, 2008 5:54 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Stop the West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a resident and lover of the deserts of southern California, I urge you not to destroy the unique landscapes and biospheres of the American West.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Jim Hunt**

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February 11, 2008 5:04 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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February 11, 2008 4:48 AM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

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Thank you.

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## **Louise DeNight**

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February 11, 2008 1:58 AM

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Sincerely,  
Louise DeNight  
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Glen Mills, PA 19342

## **Mike Mullarkey**

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71 East 13th Street, #12 , Tucson, AZ 85701

February 11, 2008 1:34 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

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Sincerely,  
Mike Mullarkey  
71 East 13th Street, #12  
Tucson, AZ 85701

## **Elissa Hoeger**

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February 11, 2008 1:09 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor, long-term

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Elissa Hoeger  
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Princeton, NJ 08540-5355

## Jan Charvat

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573 Anderson Road , Alpine, CA 91901

February 11, 2008 12:41 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please revisit plans for energy corridor in the West

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am writing to express my serious reservations with the planned energy corridors in the Western states. The current proposal would indiscriminately cut through National and State Parks and Forests, even lands with pending wilderness status and Wild and Scenic Rivers. All such wide-ranging proposals need to be reviewed for their absolute necessity, for all possible alternatives, as well as for all mitigating actions being taken with whatever alternative is picked. The public must be allowed to participate whenever such drastic changes and damages to our public lands are being proposed.

In many cases, developing new technologies, such as solar or wind, will make long-distance energy transmission unnecessary, in addition to providing cleaner energy. I urge you to consider such clean, renewable and relatively local energy sources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jan Charvat  
573 Anderson Road  
Alpine, CA 91901

## **Eileen Trainor**

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503 Picasso Drive , San Marcos, TX 78666

February 11, 2008 12:25 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
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San Marcos, TX 78666

## Charles Daly

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517 Newtons Corner Road , Howell, NJ 07731

February 10, 2008 11:51 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Anita Guerrini**

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915 W. Campus Ln. , Goleta, CA 93117

February 10, 2008 11:36 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The following letter expresses my concerns about the proposed policy changes.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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**dana heimback**

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February 10, 2008 11:31 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

DON'T YOU HAVE GRANDCHILDREN? WOULD YOU REALLY DEPRIVE THEM OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO experience these National Monuments? The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **J. Capozzelli**

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February 10, 2008 11:04 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am writing because the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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- Risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized. Agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected.
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The National Academy of Sciences and thousands of scientists worldwide agree that the planet is warming and that human dependence on dirty fossil fuels, such as coal and oil, is the primary cause.

The Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) represents a step backwards.

Thank you on behalf of America's treasured and irreplaceable lands and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
J. Capozzelli  
315 W. 90 St.  
New York, NY 10024

**K.K. Robertshaw**

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February 10, 2008 11:00 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Sincerely,  
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Cincinnati, OH 45213

**Deidre Moderacki**

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February 10, 2008 10:50 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

A wise man once said, "If you're not part of the solution then you're part of the problem". The old, dirty ways of making energy is irresponsible and unacceptable with what we know is happening to our planet today. A smart, future oriented agency should be busy planning clean, sustainable energy not the opposite.

Please be part of a clean future without destroying any more wildness!

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**Tim Heimerl**

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February 10, 2008 10:27 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Cheryl Champy

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February 10, 2008 10:02 PM

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. We should not add to global warming-coal is not a viable option or even a temporary solution. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Champy  
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Peterborough, NH 03458

## **Samuel Nyburg**

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February 10, 2008 9:55 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I fully support this letter to you. I urge you to take responsibility in keeping our wildlands wild, our wildlife alive, and all that is sacred ground sacred.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Jim Mastro**

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February 10, 2008 9:37 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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**john zedolik**

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February 10, 2008 9:35 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: No scarring with West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I have travelled, hike, and camped in the wonderful, wild natural places of Utah and the American southwest. I am also a responsible environmentalist and a consistent voter. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Please keep these wild, public lands, wild and pristine for all Americans, present and future. Please do not consider short-term, special-interest concerns. Please the long term. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Donna Hart**

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February 10, 2008 9:23 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I want to bring your attention to my concern over the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS). According to what I have read, they will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Donna Hart  
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## **DEBORAH SMITH**

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February 10, 2008 9:04 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

**GREED OVER LOGIC IS GONG TO COST AMERCIA AND AMERICANS WAY TOO MUCH IN THE NEAR FUTURE----BIG ENERGY AND BIG BUSINESS'S GREED IS GOING TO COST SUCH A HIGH PRICE--GREED ALWAYS CAUSES A LARGE DEBIT IN THE END!!!!**

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;

- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Siddharth Mehrotra**

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: The West-wide Energy Corridor.

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also has assumed the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring the following.

- Agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation, and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land; and
- should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analyses provided by conservationist groups to move corridors out of special places like the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross. We must also ensure that:
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views, whereas agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- cumulative risks to federal, state, private, and tribal lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal, state, private, and tribal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors; and

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar; agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy.

- Development of any fossil-fuel extraction zone should indiscriminately avoid wild areas pending designation, for the reason that wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided. In addition,

- alternatives must be presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they dislike about the proposed plan. The agencies, who hold all of the pertinent information, should provide the public with choices.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and take steps toward ensuring a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Jack Duggan**

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February 10, 2008 8:28 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I was a Public Information Officer at Seattle City Light when energy deregulation became law. As the change began, old timers shared their belief that the Rural Electrification Act (REA) was the worst thing that ever happened to American energy development. Left to their own devices, rural Americans would have continued to develop myriad ways to generate electricity, giving today's society a great many more options for meeting America's energy demand.

Massive energy transportation systems present an unacceptable liability to the safety and security of America and its people. Easily identifiable as targets to our enemies and dangerous to our own people, they further an infrastructure that must be diversified if America is to reach the necessary level of energy independence required for future generations.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

You will receive a great many comments about the specific impacts of large energy corridors on public lands, neighboring private lands, sensitive cultures, wildlife and more. But to even consider projects of such a large scope, the government must first ask itself if this effort moves us toward greater energy independence or builds the foundation for systems no longer applicable to our goals.

The answer is clear. As my government, I ask you to quit wasting my taxpayer dollars on projects like this and put the majority of your resources into establishing the future infrastructure for a more balanced and equitable distribution of energy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Rosamund Downing**

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February 10, 2008 8:11 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized
- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar
- avoid wild areas pending designation, and
- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent

information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

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Sincerely,  
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## Mike Lara

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February 10, 2008 7:49 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide "Energy Corridor"

Dear Argonne National Labs:

It's pretty simple.

Nothing this dishonest, corrupt, oil-soaked administration does is worthy of any degree of trust whatsoever. NOTHING.

Whatever the merits of this or that proposal, if the Bush people are at all involved, I vote no.

I support honest, science-based decisions as if the Earth and the creatures who live and depend on it mattered.

Which is to say that if the current administration proposes it, I and many others whose opinions have been thrown in the toilet for the last 7 years say NO.

The sooner we can get rid of these greedy losers, and bring in a government that isn't beholden to the worst corporate polluters and thieves, the better.

Capiche ?

Sincerely,  
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## **Jonathan Ertelt**

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February 10, 2008 7:16 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, ongoing public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, likely a bad move in the first place, at least we should hope that the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them whenever possible. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
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- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

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Sincerely,  
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## **Bert Riesterer**

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February 10, 2008 6:52 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

We must protect the remnants of wilderness still left for our kids and grandkids. We as grandparents have a special obligation. We must find ways to become better custodians.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Warren Icke

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February 10, 2008 6:37 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a citizen of Arizona and Colorado, I am deeply concerned about recent initiatives by the Department of Energy. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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Sincerely,  
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Tucson, AZ 85749

## Mary S Reed

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February 10, 2008 5:59 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

From what I can determine, the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Lisa Rae

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February 10, 2008 5:24 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans and visitors. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Allen A**

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February 10, 2008 5:15 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

There are far better ways to route power lines. If we continue running utilities haphazardly across the countryside, the nation will become a waste land. This proposal represents a failure to act conservatively. It is simpler draws straight lines on a map than plan. Unfortunately a lack of foresight places our nation's security at risk and burden future generations with the cost of our failures.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Marlene Ellsworth**

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February 10, 2008 4:59 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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February 10, 2008 4:44 PM

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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## Frank Chisholm

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## **Janet Kuciejczyk**

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February 10, 2008 4:00 PM

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February 10, 2008 3:23 PM

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## Noah Myers

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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February 10, 2008 2:27 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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**mary rivas**

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Our wilderness is a precious part of our culture, environment and economy. You have an obligation to preserve this wilderness for future generations. To use it for short-term goals is wrong. Once it is lost we cannot return it to its original state. We must find other sources of energy which is not harmful to our land.

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Thank you.

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## **Karen Weitzel**

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## Sue Lucks

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You have a responsibility to do this right the first time - we don't get a second chance to protect this amazing part of our country.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sue Lucks  
647 Holland Hills Road  
Basalt, CO 81621

## **Joke Helmers**

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Liesbos 387 , Hoofddorp, 2134 SL Netherlands

February 10, 2008 1:56 PM

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## Mary Masters

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Orcas, WA 98280

## Carol LeClair

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If you don't change your current plans, the U.S. will lose its priceless heritage.

Sincerely,  
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**Dawnielle Voegele**

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February 10, 2008 1:44 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Our land is already threatened. We don't need it gotten rid of anymore. We have to save what we have!

Sincerely,  
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## **Jim DeCecco**

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## **Kathleen Gresham**

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## **Judy Baird**

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Your choices will affect generations of Americans to come.

Sincerely,  
Judy Baird  
P.O. Box 521921  
Salt Lake City, UT 84152

## Mary Ann Kiger

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26655 Paseo Ensenada , San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

February 10, 2008 1:40 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

In particular I am vehemently opposed to running a power line across the Anza Borrego desert. I am attending meetings to object to this proposal.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## David Romportl

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February 10, 2008 1:27 PM

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Sincerely,  
David Romportl  
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## Mary Greenough

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3130 Coventryville Rd. , Pottstown, PA 19465

February 10, 2008 1:14 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

At this time we need to be directing our resources toward development of new sources of energy, not falling back into our old habits.

Let's NOT mar the wilderness with powerlines and pipelines. Involve the citizenry and find the best way to meet the needs for energy.

Thank you Mary Greenough

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Pottstown, PA 19465

## **William leimbach**

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February 10, 2008 1:13 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## James Burde

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February 10, 2008 1:11 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Re: Department of Energy's Draft PEIS

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## **Patrick Vingo**

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70 Taylor Ave , Norwalk, CT 06854

February 10, 2008 1:05 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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The least impact may in fact not be the straightest path through public lands if that path disturbs the aesthetic and environmental balance of the landscape.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Vingo  
70 Taylor Ave  
Norwalk, CT 06854

## Constance Sutton

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877 The Alameda , Berkeley, CA 94707

February 10, 2008 1:00 PM

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This plan only depends on existing technologies. Newer discoveries that would make these changes unnecessary are already being developed or are in the pipeline. Do ruin the beauty of nature unnecessarily is wrong.

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Sincerely,  
Constance Sutton  
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Berkeley, CA 94707

## Jeff Archuleta

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6 Broadway #217 , Denver, CO 80203

February 10, 2008 12:59 PM

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Oversight = Impeachment!

Sincerely,  
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Denver, CO 80203

## David Witt

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PO Box 317 , Taos, NM 87571

February 10, 2008 12:41 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) is one more attempt to destroy the values of the West - open space, quiet, clean air, wildlife, and so on. Instead of making the region a sacrifice zone to enhance the profits of big energy concerns, our Western public lands must be managed to protect our heritage, especially wilderness preservation. Energy and energy distribution development should have the least impact possible.

Sincerely,  
David Witt  
PO Box 317  
Taos, NM 87571

## **Robert and Ada Booth**

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574 Robin Dr , Santa Clara, CA 950505612

February 10, 2008 12:36 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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We and our children have had the opportunity to visit our country's parks and wild lands. Future generations should also have it!

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## **Toby Cardoso**

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February 10, 2008 12:33 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I took a drive south on California Hwy 135 and then Route 1 yesterday and realized what made it so beautiful was the minimal impact of man on the landscape.

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- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Joann Marsh

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February 10, 2008 12:08 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
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Once gone, our wild areas are gone forever. We owe it to our children's children to be careful stewards of their inheritance. Please, do your duty.

Sincerely,  
Joann Marsh  
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## **Alan Bennett**

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February 10, 2008 11:12 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) are **SUICIAALLY INSANE** at worst **AND INCREDIBLY SHORT-SIGHTED AND STUPID** at the very best. Any "centralized" corridor will have terminal impacts on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. With large-scale pollution and "development" virtually assured within these corridors, it is crucial to make sure that these are **NEVER ALLOWED TO BE CONSIDERED**, as they are an unbelievably absurd and insane step **BACKWARDS** into increased oil dependency.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines and power lines, the government took a giant leap backward into **BIG CORPORATE** control, and is **ILLEGALLY STRIPPING US OF EVEN MORE OF OUR RESOURCES** (as they have been so blatantly and continuously doing for the last 8 years)

New pipelines or powerlines are actually not needed at all, as they are only terrorist targets and extreme polluters. The only way for us to survive reasonably is through renewable power generation at local sites (ideally each home), and a complete elimination of the "national power grid." Through increased energy efficiency and localized generation we can quickly and cheaply eliminate the "power grid" completely.

Public lands must be avoided altogether for oil and gas development, because it's patently stupid and suicidal. Furthermore, the agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to quickly eliminate existing corridors from all special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which similar corridors have crossed or would cross;

- remediation projects are subjected to best management practices to eliminate damage to other resources, recreation and views.

- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands as the benchmarks for eliminating the current corridors;

- once appropriate remediation locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those eliminating the "corridors" and returning the land to its wild condition;

- ALL consideration and support is given to improving function of and access to renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to ELIMINATE our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy AND TOTALLY ELIMINATE ALL OIL AND GAS PROJECTS;

- avoid any new projects in ALL wild areas. All Wild and Scenic Rivers should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

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Sincerely,  
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## **Ruth Stambaugh**

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February 10, 2008 11:06 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Western Energy Corridors

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please don't let the beauty and wildlife of our western wild places get trashed by turning them into energy corridors that are eyesores. Please read the following form letter and let it speak for me. Thank you. Ruth Stambaugh

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

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Thank you.

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## **Richard Sanders**

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February 10, 2008 11:03 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have very significant impacts on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Yolanda Garcia

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February 10, 2008 10:59 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As you well know, the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
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**kathleen querner**

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February 10, 2008 10:32 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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## Glen Arends

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February 10, 2008 10:26 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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I understand the need for America to become energy independent, but I also enjoy being outdoors, so everything possible should be done to protect as much land as possible for future generations to enjoy also.

Sincerely,  
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## Christine Trudeau

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February 10, 2008 10:11 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor PLEASE HELP!

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Christine Trudeau  
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## **Patty Livingston**

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February 10, 2008 9:53 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

NO pipelines or powerlines on our (NOT yours) public lands. Bush/Cheney are anti-environment and wildlife to support the greed of corporations and their pockets. And if you think for one minute they have any interest in you - think again.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Austin Turney**

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February 10, 2008 9:21 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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- corridors must cross federal lands. Public lands with other special or sensitive values ought to be avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places such as Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other areas of special value which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
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federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

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- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should move or modify corridors whereverl that is feasible. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Lawrence, KS 66044 3753

## **Richard Lyon**

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4040 Cochran Chapel Rd , Dallas, TX 75209-1502

February 10, 2008 9:19 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I write to object to the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) that will have significant adverse effects on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and other public uses on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. The public - people - owns this land. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for all the people.

To ensure that the public interest is properly served, as the law requires, the Department must ensure that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee that the people have a say in the protection of publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Richard Lyon  
4040 Cochran Chapel Rd  
Dallas, TX 75209-1502

## **Antonina Licastri**

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February 10, 2008 9:10 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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Thank you.

Open spaces are important to us, animals, birds et al.

Sincerely,  
Antonina Licastri  
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NY, NY 10016

## Daniel Vice

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February 10, 2008 8:52 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Comments on West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am writing because the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Dorothy Motheral**

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February 10, 2008 8:47 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please find another way

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Thank you.

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## **Herbert Wilson**

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February 10, 2008 8:21 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

JUST STALL...these bastards will be gone in less than a year and only you will have the rest of your lives to regret helping them skim off more money from the energy companies and wrecking the environment even more.

This is your personal opportunity to do the right thing and it's a long life!

Let the dept. of energy put its efforts into backing alternative energy where it belongs. NOW !

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Sincerely,  
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## Judy Epstein

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February 10, 2008 6:05 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have serious and significant impact on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Judy Epstein  
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Apt. 104  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

## **Carol P. Christ**

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February 10, 2008 3:30 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I love nature and recognize that human beings are part (not the only part) of the web of life. We must curb our greed.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## John Almlı

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February 10, 2008 3:21 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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If we want to solve our energy problems we need to develop renewable energy sources and not just try to squeeze out the last bits of petroleum resources in the earth. We are already way behind on trying to realistically solve this problem. It is urgent we not delay the true solutions that are possible by hanging on to a vanishing and out dated energy source.

We have destroyed the majority of our country's natural beauty. Please have the wisdom of some of your predecessors and save the little bit of natural public lands we have left.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
John Alml  
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Chaska, MN 55318

## Thomas Marzec

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February 10, 2008 2:31 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor - Please Reconsider

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Thank you.  
Thomas A Marzec

Sincerely,  
Thomas Marzec  
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## **John Buck**

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February 10, 2008 2:05 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please stop or vastly scale back the Energy Corridor. This country needs to learn to conserve, etc. It will happen one way or another and we have mess up up so much of our wild lands that what little we have needs all the help it can get not disturbances. I hope your grandchildren and mine will be able to say you were farsighted and saved wild lands.

Sincerely,  
John Buck  
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## Edward Cleary

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February 10, 2008 2:00 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The public is being left out of the Energy Corridor selection process. We have only a few days to comment. Fortunately, the Wilderness Society has provided us with an alert.

I fully identify with the Wilderness Society's proposals and hope you will consider them seriously. It is critically important when trampling on sensitive public lands that you determine whether the power lines are REALLY NEEDED, not just wanted by power companies seeking profits.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring:

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- that consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- that avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- that alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Edward Cleary  
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Aloha, OR 97007

## **Kristin Hurley**

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February 10, 2008 1:31 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please Keep Pipelines & Powerlines Out of Western Wildlands

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors would cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This should involve ensuring that new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed. Agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land

In addition, special or sensitive public lands should be avoided altogether, and risks to federal and other affected lands need to be realistically assessed. Agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them.

Projects should be subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views; agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory. Consideration also needs to be given to improving access for renewable energy sources such as wind and solar. We need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and begin to limit the effects of carbon emissions by maximizing clean, renewable energy alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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## Lynn Cascio

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February 10, 2008 1:14 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
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- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Cascio  
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## Mary Maul

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February 10, 2008 1:10 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreational opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3,000,000 acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that these designations enhance our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to advance with a process designating large swaths of our federal lands to build oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades, before adding additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analyses provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places, like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units that the proposed corridors would cross;
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- alternatives are presented and considered. Without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies, which have all the pertinent information, should provide the public with choices: that's why NEPA requires EISs to present alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Charleston, WV 25301

## **Durango Mendoza**

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February 10, 2008 12:55 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Let's not foul the wilderness like we have done so many times across this country of ours.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

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- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;

- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both

federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

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- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**Pamela Alcid**

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February 10, 2008 12:36 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Federal and state agencies MUST guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**alicia johnson**

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February 9, 2008 11:58 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor!!!!

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and
- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
alicia johnson  
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des peres, MO 63131

## **Ray H. Ledbetter**

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February 9, 2008 11:31 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

To develop forward a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government has continual responsibility to:

- analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- avoid special or sensitive public lands: continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. Use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- subject projects to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: make Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- realistically and thoroughly assess risks to federal and other affected lands so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;
- once appropriate locations are identified, assure that projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- give consideration to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will be impacted by the proposed corridors. Consider moving or modifying corridors when provided with relevant information and as analysis of such impacts continues. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- consider and develop alternatives and provide the public with choices.

Guarantee by adopting these changes the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ray H. Ledbetter  
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Albuquerque,, NM 87109

## Steve Dickman

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February 9, 2008 11:20 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Some of the most spectacular land in America (including Arches National Park, which I visited as a youth and then with my family) is in danger from the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS.

The proposed designations in that Draft EIS will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized;
- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors;

- consideration is given to seriously evaluating energy alternatives, to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Vestal, NY 13850

## Frances O'Brien

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February 9, 2008 11:12 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I, as do many, believe that the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
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- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Sincerely,  
Frances O'Brien  
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McMinnville, OR 97128

## Georgette Gafford

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February 9, 2008 10:56 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am concerned about the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS). They will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

Please ensure that new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed by analyzing the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

Further make sure sensitive public lands are avoided altogether by analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. Also the projects should be subjected to the best management practices to limit damage to other resources and make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory.

Avoid risks to federal and other affected lands and avoided or minimized.

Improve access for renewable energy and support a healthy environment.

Avoid wild areas pending designation and consider alternatives by providing the public with choices.

Please work to support the changes above and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Georgette Gafford  
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Shorewood, WI 53211



## **William Hofford**

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February 9, 2008 10:54 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor Designations

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) is an outrage and will have significant negative impacts on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring the following:

- Whether new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed. Agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- Whether federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether. Agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
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- Consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar. Agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change, and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
William Hofford  
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Portland, OR 97280

## Stuart Mork

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February 9, 2008 10:34 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

**PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THESE COMMENTS.**

Sincerely,  
Stuart Mork  
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Seattle, WA 98117

## **Donna Dunbar**

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February 9, 2008 10:01 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- 1.) new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- 2.) federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- 3.) projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- 4.) risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

5.) once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

6.) consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

7.) avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

8.) alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Donna Dunbar  
130 Dwyer Avenue  
Liberty, NY 12754

## **Michael Powell**

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PO Box 1641 , Dripping Springs, TX 78620

February 9, 2008 9:57 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Just Say NO to Powerlines & Pipelines in Special Places

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Kimberley Sonderegger**

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February 9, 2008 9:55 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a longtime Westerner I am deeply concerned to learn that the Department of Energy proposes 6000 miles of energy corridors in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) that will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural archaeological resources, and recreation opportunities on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover nearly 3 million acres of public lands, some of the most sensitive areas of the West.

The government must ensure that:

- new pipelines/powerlines are in fact necessary: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades BEFORE turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are unavoidable locations, and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
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- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

I urge you to consider my concerns about the DEIS and proposed energy corridors. Please take the time and effort to investigate longterm solutions to our energy needs, rather than opting to satisfy short term goals that will do irreparable harm to our federal lands.

Sincerely,  
Kimberley Sonderegger  
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## **Marcia De Sonne**

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1206 Dartmouth Rd , Alexandria, VA 22314

February 9, 2008 9:41 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I believe that proposals in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will significantly impact wildlife, natural landscape resources as well as unarmful recreational opportunities on federal lands across the western regions of this country. These proposed powerline corridors reflect old, outdated thinking. New vision is needed that is very long-term in view instead of just designating large swaths of our federal lands for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines. Better public resposibility is demanded.

This involves ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed -- not just because industry says they are needed.
- Government agencies need to critically analyzing impacts on highly valued public lands, especially those such as Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and other wild and wilderness lands which the proposed corridors would cross.
- High consideration needs to be given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity -- required, in fact-- to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels for economic, health, and the long-term survival of the planet.

The protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and to ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans in imperative. Respectfully, thank you for considering this citizen's input to the "thinking" process.

Sincerely,  
Marcia De Sonne  
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Alexandria, VA 22314



## Margaret Maxwell

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11347 Lupine Way NE , Bemidji, MN 56601

February 9, 2008 9:38 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
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- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Our children and grandchildren and future generations should have nothing less than what we have been given.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Maxwell  
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Bemidji, MN 56601

## Ida Casillas

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February 9, 2008 9:38 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking responsibility to move forward with a process designating large swaths of federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government has responsibility to do it right.

The government must ensure that:

- New pipelines or powerlines are actually needed. Agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land.
- Federal lands are necessary. Locations and special or sensitive public lands should be avoided altogether. Agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them.
- Agencies should use analyses provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places, like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross.

- Projects must be subject to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views. Interagency Operating Procedures should be mandatory.
- Risks to federal and other affected lands must be realistically and thoroughly assessed, so risks can be avoided and/or minimized. Agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands, which will be impacted when the corridors are connected.
- When appropriate locations have been identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors. Agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors.
- Consideration must be given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar. Agencies must reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change, and help build a sustainable energy future for the West. Serious evaluations of alternatives should be required to maximize use of renewable energy.
- Efforts should be made to avoid wild areas pending designation. Wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will be impacted by the proposed corridors.
- Analyses of such impacts has not been completed, but agencies should be provided with relevant information. Agencies must consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should be avoided.
- Alternatives should be presented and considered: without alternatives. The public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. Agencies (who should have all pertinent information) should provide the public with choices. That's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the above changes, agencies can guarantee protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Gail Camhi

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February 9, 2008 9:33 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Current proposed designations in the DOE's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have huge, significant negative impacts on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and a host of other resources on federal lands clear across the west. If designated as now planned, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and nearly 3 million acres of public lands. Public involvement in the planning process, given the likely large-scale buildup, is vital to guarantee the designation of these corridors is ultimately a positive step for these public lands.

Taking the initiative to proceed with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as suitable areas for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, as well as power lines, the government also inherited the responsibility of doing it in a just and even way. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Kathleen Simmons**

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February 9, 2008 9:20 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

I am not sure why this administration feels the need to change this land. Somehow we have got to help "those in power" understand that the change projected, is wrong. Please, read the rest of this letter and try to understand our point of view. What this country needs is to ignite the people to redesign their way of thinking and focus on this Earth and not on their wasteful ways.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Betty Benson

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2950 Indian Hill Drive , Jacksonville, FL 32257

February 9, 2008 9:18 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. **NATURE'S MANAGEMENT PLAN DOES NOT INCLUDE CORRIDORS THROUGH PUBLIC WILDLANDS. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU ADOPT NATURE'S PLAN.** Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Betty Benson  
2950 Indian Hill Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32257

## Harald Conradi

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February 9, 2008 9:13 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

It's worth the cost of re-routing.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Kristi Wrigley**

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February 9, 2008 9:08 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Stop using public land as your private toyland to dole out as you want , especially in the name of helping alleviate a crisis you created to enrich your fat cat friends!

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kristi Wrigley  
2550 Wrigley Rd.  
Eureka, CA 95503

**ralph davis**

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2627 NW Nicolai St. , portland, OR 97210

February 9, 2008 8:51 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I agree with the following:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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Sincerely,  
ralph davis  
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portland, OR 97210

## **Elaine Willey**

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3665-50th Avenue NE , Seattle,, WA 98105

February 9, 2008 8:34 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Simon Validzic

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February 9, 2008 8:32 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

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I have written to you even though I do not live in the USA because the natural heritage of all countries has an intrinsic value and should be protected. Humans have caused more than enough harm to natural places and their inhabitants in the past.

Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,  
Simon Validzic  
Froudeova 1/6  
Novi Zagreb, AS 10020

## Sheila Roddy

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1010 Foster Street , Evanston, IL 60201

February 9, 2008 8:30 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Reject a West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
Sheila Roddy  
1010 Foster Street  
Evanston, IL 60201

## **Bert Katzung**

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65 Knoll Rd , San Rafael, CA 94901

February 9, 2008 8:25 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
Bert Katzung  
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San Rafael, CA 94901

## Pat Marriott

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960 Dennis Drive , Palo Alto, CA 94303

February 9, 2008 8:18 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have major impacts to wildlife, culture, recreation, and many other resources on federal lands .

Corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By designating large swaths of our federal lands as places pipelines and power lines, the government also takes on the serious responsibility of protecting the public lands involved, i.e., to ensure that

- new pipelines or powerlines are truly needed
- special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether by moving corridors to avoid them
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to natural areas
- analysis is done to avoid or minimize risks to all lands when the corridors connect
- projects are limited to corridors
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar so we can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels
- wild areas are avoided pending designation: state wilderness areas bills will also be impacted by the proposed corridors.
- alternatives are studied and presented to the public for consideration and comment: NEPA requires alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Pat Marriott  
960 Dennis Drive  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

## **Sylvia Rodriguez**

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227 E 5th Street Apt. #3FW, New York, NY 10003

February 9, 2008 8:17 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
Sylvia Rodriguez  
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Apt. #3FW  
New York, NY 10003

## **Brian Gray**

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7540 Amy Avenue , Fair Oaks, CA 95628

February 9, 2008 8:12 PM

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Sincerely,  
Brian Gray  
7540 Amy Avenue  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

## June Swan

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POB 181 , Corte Madera, CA 94976

February 9, 2008 8:02 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
June Swan  
POB 181  
Corte Madera, CA 94976

## **Marliss Rogers**

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1121 Crestview Dr. , Port Washington, WI 53074

February 9, 2008 8:02 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Sincerely,  
Marliss Rogers  
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Port Washington, WI 53074

**Linda Neil,CSJ**

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February 9, 2008 7:56 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. We don't have to do things the same old way, making the same old mistakes! Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Linda Neil,CSJ  
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## MARY E MCGILLIGAN

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February 9, 2008 7:51 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

STRINGING POWER LINES across our nation's sacred spaces is outrageous!

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## Martha Gelter

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February 9, 2008 7:51 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The majority of citizens, the courts, and those who understand that we are custodians of this great earth, all now are united to protect the environment and wildlife. Please join with us and help protect public lands and push for an energy policy that relies on sustainable resources. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Boston, MA 02111

## **Jeb P Brown**

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February 9, 2008 7:46 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting the "logical and reasonable" changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jeb P Brown  
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Honolulu, HI 96826

## **Roxy Callison**

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February 9, 2008 7:42 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Wilderness areas were meant to be just that--wild! Please keep them that way. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Roxy Callison  
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## **Dianne Miller-Boyle**

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February 9, 2008 7:35 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

There is no reasonable or rational thinking that supports the idea of running pipelines through breathtaking scenery that is the very soul of these United States! Run these invasive lines through populated areas that are equipped to monitor these and accomodate the intrusion. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Oklahoma City, OK 73118

**Randy Sailer**

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February 9, 2008 7:29 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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#####I agree with these statements and urge you to adopt the changes listed here.thankyou. randy sailer#####

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## Cort Brumfield

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February 9, 2008 7:25 PM

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Sincerely,  
Cort Brumfield  
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Portland, OR 97220-4628

## Jeanne Wingate

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February 9, 2008 7:19 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am an enthusiastic lover of the great American West. The majesty of those lands is awe-inspiring and deeply spiritual to this "flat-lander."

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## Zb Bornemann

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February 9, 2008 7:19 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Sincerely,  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15218

## **Deborah Andrew**

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February 9, 2008 7:17 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impact on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities contained within western federal lands.

If designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public land. Public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is congruent with the purpose of preserving public lands.

By insisting on and supporting a process that will designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government has violated the intended purpose of setting aside these lands. If the public is unable to stop this using of lands belonging to the taxpaying public and giving into the hands of private corporations the right to monetary benefits at public expense coupled with the destruction of wilderness, the public is left with only one avenue: to reign in the abuses of government and at the very least insist that the following be validated by outside parties primarily committed to supporting the interests of the public:

- that new pipelines or powerlines are needed:

demonstrate the outcome of increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

- federal lands are proven to be necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether:

continued analysis of impacts on special public lands, redesign to avoid them.

use factual analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and all other outstanding units that proposed corridors would cross;

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Interagency Operating Procedures made mandatory;

- thorough and realistic assesment of risks to federal and other affected lands:

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- projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors identified:

- primary consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar:

take this opportunity to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by scrupulously evaluating alternatives that maximize the use of sustainable forms energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation:

wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. As agencies are provided with relevant information moving or modifying corridors must be seriously considered and evaluated.

Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should be avoided; and

- alternatives presented and considered:

without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) must provide the public with choices - NEPA, in fact, requires these agencies to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can proudly guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Andrew  
120 Bridge Street

Carriage House  
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

## Thomas Yuill

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February 9, 2008 7:03 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a resident living in the West, I am concerned about the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the West. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both

federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

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## Carolyn Marshall

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February 9, 2008 7:01 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: There has to be a better way

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Thank you.

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## **Paula Bourgeois**

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February 9, 2008 6:58 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Since we are in desperate need of other sources of clean energy it would seem more beneficial to keep our 6,000 miles and 3 million acres of public lands pristine so the impact of energy sources that are harmful to the environment are not allowed to continue their devastation.

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## **Nicole Schildcrout-Lloyd**

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February 9, 2008 6:55 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am writing this to urge you to keep pipelines and powerlines out of special places and to use this opportunity to facilitate wind and solar power, not pollution spewing coal-fired power plants. Please don't ruin our earth and our future. You have the choice.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

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## **Doris Vician**

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February 9, 2008 6:52 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives. New Mexico is in jeopardy again. Edward Abbey, a now deceased environmentalist, is doing flips in his grave. We are raping the land again!! When will this cease, when we kill off all the wild things and damage all the beautiful places left in this country. Then humans will die also because we are all involved in the chain of life. By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Carolyn Barkow**

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February 9, 2008 6:42 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

By adopting the changes below, I believe the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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Sincerely,  
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## Mark Sawyer

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February 9, 2008 6:41 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am sure I'm not the first to point out that the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

Taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, also meant that the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring:

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I believe that by adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mark Sawyer  
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## **VANESSA VALENCIA**

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February 9, 2008 6:33 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: protect the WEST!!!! <

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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## **Norman Bishop**

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February 9, 2008 6:28 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridors a poor use of pristine lands

Dear Argonne National Labs:

We can do better than destroy some of our last remaining wildlands to transmit energy. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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February 9, 2008 6:28 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Before such large scale encroachment occurs, verify that

- what is proposed is the single best, the very best solution, not just the easiest, not just the one that puts the most money in the pockets of the providers.

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

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February 9, 2008 6:27 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please consider the comments and guidelines as proposed in the text below which is provided by The Wilderness Society. I am as concerned as they are about plans that would so negatively impact the areas mentioned. They are more qualified than I to suggest better guidelines. As a voting citizen I support their opinion whole-heartedly.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Annemarie Krammes**

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February 9, 2008 6:19 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Our western wilderness is unique and would be destroyed if you follow your plans to erect powerlines and pipelines.

Please consider the damage this would cause. We need to shift to renewable energy so there is no point in ruining our wilderness for a failing energy industry.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## David N. Orth

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February 9, 2008 6:17 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am deeply concerned that the proposed corridor designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement will have major impact on recreational opportunities, cultural resources, wildlife habitat, and entire ecosystems on federal lands across the American West. The proposed corridors will cover 6 THOUSAND miles and almost 3 MILLION acres of land that belongs to the public.

Major buildup is almost guaranteed within these corridors. Therefore, public involvement in the entire planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands, not a ill-advised threat to what they represent for our country.

The federal government has taken on the responsibility of doing right ... the first and only time it will have that opportunity ...the process designating huge swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines and power lines. This involves ensuring that:

1. New pipelines or power lines are actually needed. Agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increasing energy efficiency, distributing energy generation, and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades ... BEFORE adding or widening existing corridors on our public land.
2. It is absolutely necessary that public lands are required for these oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines and power lines and that special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether. Agencies should analyze impacts on special public lands, use analyses provided by conservation groups, and move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the many other outstanding areas that the proposed corridors would cross.
3. Projects are subject to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views. Agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory.

4. Risks to federal public land, state land, and tribal and private land are thoroughly and realistically assessed to minimize those risks or avoid them altogether. Agencies should analyze cumulative effects on all lands that will be impacted when the proposed corridors are connected.
5. Projects are strictly limited to these corridors once appropriate locations are defined. Agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors.
6. Seriously evaluate alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar. Agencies should take this opportunity to help reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change, and build a sustainable energy future for the West.
8. Exclude from early consideration wild areas pending designation, such as those included in recently-introduced wilderness bills in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, California and elsewhere. As agencies are provided with relevant information, they should consider moving or modifying corridors accordingly. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided.
9. Consider and present all possible alternatives, without which the public can only comment on what they do not like about the proposed plan, rather than commenting about what they do like in alternative proposals. The agencies, which have all of the pertinent information, should provide the public with choices; that is why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By incorporating the above principles in developing the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, the Department can guarantee the protection of our priceless public wildlands and ensure a clean, sustainable energy future for America.

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns.

Sincerely,  
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## Jacquelyn Ramirez

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February 9, 2008 6:17 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The planned locations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have major impact on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreational activities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Fritz Milas**

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February 9, 2008 6:14 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Meeting the energy needs of our country is essential to life, preservation of our natural pristine lands is life.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Katherine Sweeney**

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February 9, 2008 6:10 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Please leave our national treasures and those who live in them alone! (Have some respect.) Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Sweeney  
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Kansas City, MO 64119

## Andrew Abate

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February 9, 2008 6:08 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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Lindenhurst, NY 11757

## Kelly Caruso

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February 9, 2008 6:07 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am deeply disturbed by DOE's proposed West-wide energy corridor. It will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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February 9, 2008 6:07 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor under attack

Dear Argonne National Labs:

the anti environmental sweep of this administration is absolute appalling. they will leave a legacy of destruction that will be indefensible to explain to our grandchildren.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
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## **Norman Tempel**

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February 9, 2008 6:04 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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MOST THINKING AMERICANS KNOW THIS IS ALL PART OF THE CORPORATE PRIVATIZATION OF THIS NATION AND HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE MERGER OF MEXICO AND CANADA. MOST THINKING AMERICAN'S KNOW THAT OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE NOW NOTHING BUT VEHICLES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH WHATEVER WILL HELP THEM MAKE A BUCK. MOST THINKING AMERICANS KNOW REALIZE THAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE NO LONGER OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE. WE HAVE LONG LOST CONTROL. FROM THE HALLS OF THE PENTAGON TO THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE THE POWER AND CONTROL IS NOW CORPORATE CONTROL IN THE HANDS OF A FEW GREEDY MEN AND WOMEN WHO DON'T GIVE A DAM ABOUT THIS COUNTRY.

Sincerely,  
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## **Konrad Woermann**

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February 9, 2008 5:58 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed plans in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have devastating impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## William Goe

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February 9, 2008 5:57 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Please act responsibly, think of the legacy that will be left for your children and grandchildren, this earth is the only planet we have.

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## Mary Hebblewhite

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February 9, 2008 5:52 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The American West is our Parthenon, our national treasure and heritage. Let's take better care of it.

The Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) contains designation proposals that will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. There will be dramatic amounts of buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Jean Mortensen**

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February 9, 2008 5:44 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Lauren Chiong**

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February 9, 2008 5:43 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: No new power lines and pipelines in the West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Again, we are looking at making a huge sacrifice of our irreplaceable wilderness in the name of our dependence on non-renewable fuels. This is a very troubling proposal and a very unfortunate precedent if implemented. I don't support this proposal at all. The oil and gas we would gain from setting up the huge infrastructure required in wilderness areas is in many cases negligible. We are now looking at sacrificing our last great wilderness areas when other, better solutions are available with our technology. The public is in support of better gas mileage and renewable energy. Instead of this proposal, the government should have given the tax break to wind power.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Thomas MacKrell**

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February 9, 2008 5:29 PM

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How many times must we say no to developing our public lands? Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Thomas MacKrell  
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ERIE, PA 16508

**kim anderson**

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1 spring street , hudson falls, NY 12839

February 9, 2008 5:28 PM

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I am against this plan, because it seems senseless in this time of need for renewable and clean energy sources. Also these federal lands are here for all the people to enjoy not to give over to special interests such as the coal and oil companies. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
kim anderson  
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hudson falls, NY 12839

## Michael Rose

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February 9, 2008 5:17 PM

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## Laura Carpenter

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By devoting huge swaths of our public lands to transmission lines and pipelines, the federal proposal would transform these landscapes into industrial areas, destroying important wildlife habitat, opportunities for backpacking and other recreation, and special places like the iconic red rock landscapes of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and cherished landscapes.

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Sincerely,  
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Charlotte, NC 28277

## **Peter Kirby**

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February 9, 2008 5:09 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please keep these corridors OUT of our scenic wildlands and put them in areas used for rights-of-way, as envisioned by FLPMA. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

West Virginia is under seige by Allegheny Power coming onto private property against all protest to survey and harass people who have wild and farm lands. No one is helping us stop these destructive, geedy people.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**kathy holland medanic**

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February 9, 2008 4:59 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands. And public lands belong to all citizens, \*Not\* to the processes of energy production that are outmoded because they pollute the land, air and water that belongs to all of us.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government stands to be--in worst case scenario--one of the causes of the destruction of the ecosphere. In best case scenario, the government has taken on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**janet curtis**

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February 9, 2008 4:57 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

WORKING in concert with "special interests" from the energy industry would carve 6,000 miles of energy corridors in the West to accelerate development of industrial powerlines and oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines across nearly 3 MILLION acres of this priceless landscape Where are the PROMISED renewable energies as wind and solar?

**THIS IS A HUGE STEP BACKWARDS WHEN WE NEED TO GO FORWARD.FUND RENEWABLES!HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS PROTEST THIS BACKWARD THINKING.** The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is CRUCIAL to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a POSITIVE step for our PUBLIC lands.

By taking the responsibility to move FORWARD with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it RIGHT. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

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- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our DEPENDENCE on fossil fuels, AS PROMISED, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy FUTURE for the West by SERIOUSLY evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- AVOID wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be AVOIDED; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with CHOICES - that's WHY NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the PROTECTION of our priceless PUBLICLY-OWNED wildlands and ensure a sustainable,CLEAN energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**Juliana Rousseau**

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February 9, 2008 4:54 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please do not proceed with the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) without full opportunity for public comment. These designations will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
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## Susan Wrightsman

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February 9, 2008 4:50 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The following form letter expresses my opinion of the Dept. of Energy's proposal for an energy corridor in the West. Please read it.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Jamie Freitag**

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February 9, 2008 4:50 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Our planet is slowly filling up with industrial sites and I am sure I am not alone when I say that it isn't good. The land we use we claim as ours but it belongs to many species of wildlife as well. If we can put a stop to this I think we could all learn to be happier with a little less buildings and a little more wild land. Not to mention, we wouldn't be evicting our wild animals either.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Freitag  
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## **Keith MacDonald**

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February 9, 2008 4:47 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a new father, I am interested in the proposed designations of the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) which will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
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**Karisha Kirk**

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February 9, 2008 4:43 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Our western wildlands could be home to an industrial forest of powerlines and pipelines if the Department of Energy's plan goes through as proposed. The agency's proposed corridors would run electrical powerlines and oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines through some of our most iconic open spaces, with impacts to landscapes like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Arches National Park, as well as many more special places like National Recreation Areas, Forest Service Roadless Areas, and proposed wilderness areas now being considered for protection by Congress.

The Department of Energy has the opportunity to not only change their plan to avoid these priceless special places on our public lands, but also help usher us into a clean, renewable energy economy. Please tell the agency to keep pipelines and powerlines out of special places and to use this opportunity to facilitate wind and solar power, not pollution spewing coal-fired power plants.

Sincerely,  
Karisha Kirk  
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## John D'Ambra

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February 9, 2008 4:32 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the PROTECTION OF OUR PRICELESS publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Kind regards

Sincerely,  
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## **Elizabeth Boylston**

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February 9, 2008 4:29 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please do not destroy our public lands by clearing them and erecting powerlines and pipelines in these corridors. If you have ever been in the wilderness just enjoying the opportunity to be away from our technology world you know how intrusive the powerlines and pipelines would be. We must be very dedicated to save as much of our environment as possible.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Jim Wagner**

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February 9, 2008 4:21 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I believe the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

I believe, that once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

The government, by taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve:

1. Ensuring that new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land.
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
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## **Barbara Magnuson**

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February 9, 2008 4:10 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
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Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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## **Ruth Byington**

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The forest took over 8 centuries to grow, once it is devastated, we will never be able to replace it.

The wildlife that depends upon the forest will not sufficient food, water and the needed habitat to survive.

The wilflife and the forests will not be there for future generations to grow.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Virginia Lee

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February 9, 2008 4:03 PM

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We need to start using our brains and do the RIGHT thing. Enough of the polluted political politics! Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Margaret Whitemore

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February 9, 2008 3:56 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

This is a long letter but it has many of our concerns and we hope you will read it carefully and act in positive ways to protect the environment on these important federal lands.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you.

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## **Barry Maher**

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February 9, 2008 3:53 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

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## **Morag Teek**

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By taking on the responsibility to move forward with a process that will designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, as well as for power lines, the Government has taken on the responsibility of undertaking this task in a manner that takes account of the recreational qualities and unspoiled beauty of these lands.

This responsibility involves ensuring that a genuine need exists for new pipelines or powerlines. Before turning to additional or wider corridors across our public lands, the agencies should conduct a thorough analysis of alternative options for meeting growing energy demands, options such as promotion of increased energy efficiency, apportionment of power generation, maximal use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades.

Federal lands will be necessary locations; special or sensitive public lands should be avoided altogether. Agencies must conduct on-going analysis of any impacts on these public land areas, and design all corridors to avoid them. In the planning process, agencies should also make use of analysis provided by conservation groups, and redirect corridors out of special places such as Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the many other outstanding areas that the corridors would cross.

Project design must be based strictly on best management practices in order to limit damage to such places and interference with recreation and scenic views. Agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory.

All risk of damage to federal and other affected lands must be realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that these risks can be avoided or at least minimized. The agencies should analyze, and take into account, all cumulative impacts on both federal lands and on state, private, and tribal lands that will suffer these impacts when the corridors are connected.

Once appropriate locations are identified, it is presumed that agencies will limit all projects on federal lands to corridors.

Consideration should be given to improving access for sources of renewable energy, such as wind and solar power systems. The project should be seen as an opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, to limit the effects of climate change, and to help build a sustainable energy future for the West by maximizing use of renewable energy.

Avoidance of wild areas pending designation must be observed. Wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts awaits completion, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider the need to move or modify corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation must also be avoided.

Alternatives to the first proposed plans, must be presented for consideration. Without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they find unacceptable in the plans. The agencies (who have all the pertinent information) must provide the public with choices in observance of the NEPA requirement.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee protection of our priceless, publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you for reviewing these comments.

Sincerely,  
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## **Phil Crabill**

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Sincerely,  
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Highland Village, TX 75077

## **Kathleen Watson**

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February 9, 2008 3:46 PM

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Please help us to protect our precious wildlands.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Watson  
8190 Grape Ave  
Forestville, CA 95436

**James Kimble**

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February 9, 2008 3:44 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Concerning the Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) of the Department of Energy: The Wilderness Society has some good ideas about the "energy corridors" that I urge you to listen to. This is indeed a "big deal" for those of us who love the wide-open spaces of the American West.

I am sure you will be hearing plenty from environmental groups like TWS and I encourage you to give them strong consideration.

Thanks.

Sincerely,  
James Kimble  
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Birmingham, AL 35205

## **Shan Albert**

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February 9, 2008 3:39 PM

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Sincerely,  
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February 9, 2008 3:38 PM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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February 9, 2008 3:31 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

We need clean energy - not more of the same!

Agencies should guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor comment

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February 9, 2008 3:22 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am always disappointed at how short-sighted our government is about our energy problems. The DoE Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) is just one more example. I spent a career working in the DOD, and our attitude toward our energy problems reminds me all too strongly of the accusation often aimed at DOD: that we prepare for the next war by refighting the last one.

That's exactly our problem here. We need to turn our attention to renewable energy, instead of determining to go down with oil, coal, and gas, our current energy 'ship'. I know I will hear a chorus of, "We will run out of energy before we can develop those sources, so we have to do this." We heard the same thing from the government 25 years ago when it became obvious that an energy crisis was looming. We are hearing it now, and we will hear it 25 years from now, and every day the crisis will get worse. If we'd started on renewable energy 25 years ago, we wouldn't be in this mess now, but we fought it tooth and nail, just as this current plan does. Pogo was right when he said we have met the enemy and he is us. Except that I'd like to paraphrase it to say he is those who represent us in Washington.

The bitterest thing about our blind pursuit of coal, gas, and oil is that it lets the rest of the world get ahead of us in renewable energy, which not only will enable them to provide goods a lot more cheaply than we can, stealing our markets, but will also mean that they, not us, will hold the invaluable patents for renewable energy production. We used not to be this stupid. What has happened to us?

Setting aside our economic interests, what DoE is proposing will have secondary and tertiary effects on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. The way we are going - all but service jobs disappearing, our dollar being destroyed in value, etc - our best chance to make a living in the future is likely to be tourism. But who'll want to come if we're nothing but an industrial grid of oil, gas, and power lines, compounded by dirty air and water, destroyed mountains, etc?

Unfortunately, that's not much of an exaggeration. As I understand it, the proposed corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. Candidly, I don't know how you can do that without ruining the land, but if you're going to do it anyway (and that's our government's pattern these days: public concern be damned and full speed ahead) then at least do it right. That means at a minimum ensuring that we:

- actually need new pipe/powerlines: what about increased efficiency in using what we have?;
- stay away from special or sensitive public lands altogether: move corridors out of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and other special lands;
- realistically assess risks to federal and other affected lands, so we can avoid or minimize those risks: let's don't just look at today; let's look at how federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands will be impacted when the corridors are connected;
- improve access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: we have a chance to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for by looking at alternatives to maximize renewable energy use;
- avoid wild areas pending designation: there are bills in progress that would designate wilderness in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California, among other places, so let's stay out of those places and give the legislation a chance. Let's also avoid putting corridors along or across Wild and Scenic Rivers that are being studied for designation; and
- provide real alternatives for the public to look at.

In a word, protect our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and at least not get in the way of a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Meredith Donahue**

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February 9, 2008 3:09 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please do not destroy our beautiful open spaces. Instead, focus on developing clean energy sources. We'll have to do it eventually because fossil fuels are a non-renewable resource...why not do it now, before we destroy our wild places?

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## Marie Snavelly

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February 9, 2008 3:09 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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February 9, 2008 3:05 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

We are in the dark age of oil. To survive we must move to clean renewable energy that works with not against Nature. We must protect the life bringing wild areas. Humans have already in ignorance and greed destroyed so much. Be one of the enlightened ones. Protect this special area.

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## Hannah Wend

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February 9, 2008 3:03 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Loretta Richards**

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Thank you.

Keep the power lines and the pipe lines out of our wilderness.

Sincerely,  
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## **Laverne Briscoe**

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February 9, 2008 3:00 PM

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- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

We must have better stewardship of our land, air and water. By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Larry Lambeth**

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February 9, 2008 2:56 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: DOE Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

DOE's Draft Programmatic EIS will have many adverse impacts on wildlife habitat, heritage sites, recreation activities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

The corridors are proposed to cover 6,000 miles and 3 million acres of public lands. These corridors are likely to bring defoliation, watershed deterioration and habitat destruction. Increased human activity is also likely within these corridors. Because of the wide scope of impacts, public input in the planning process is absolutely necessary. There are many scenic areas and special areas of habitat where no corridors should encroach upon.

Any attempt to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, must take the precautions of adequate protections, avoidance of certain areas and the responsibility of doing it right.

Specifically:

If any new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land.

If federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross.

If projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory.

If risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected.

Once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors.

Once consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy.

DOE must avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided.

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## Mary Devlin

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February 9, 2008 2:46 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

It makes no sense to ruin our national beauty with power lines and pipelines when the technology they serve is not only unsightly and possibly dangerous, but rapidly becoming obsolete. Why not invest the money that would go for the power lines and pipelines in solar and wind energy? It makes a lot more sense! And it's far more important to develop and spread alternate energy sources than to keep putting more and more money into the pockets of the reactionary industries who are too lazy to move with the needs of the times.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. \

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

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February 9, 2008 2:46 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) proposed designations will have an unfortunate impact on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

Corridors designated would cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands.

Because large-scale buildup is likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

Now is the time to take responsibility, to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right.

Whatever plan emerges, avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors.

Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

Credible ALTERNATIVES MUST BE presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan.

By adopting the changes above, we can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Verne Huser

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west, which I know well from half-a-century of river running, backpacking, and off-road travel.

Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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Thank you.

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## **Thomas R & Sommay Pritchard**

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February 9, 2008 2:38 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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For the last 7 years this administration has been doing its best to destroy wilderness in the USA. Mainly to allow wealthy corporations to become wealthier. Please do not be a party to another folly by this administration.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Edward Orr

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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## Charles Williams

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Sincerely,  
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## **Sister Anne Michel**

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February 9, 2008 2:34 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The Department of Energy continues to treat fossil fuels as if they were income. We can always earn more. Error! Error!! Fossil fuels are capital. You spend it and it is GONE! GONE!! GONE!!

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
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## Thomas Tromley

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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## Marlene Labbe

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February 9, 2008 2:28 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Let us all be good stewards of our earth to ensure quality of life for future generations. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Helen Merchant**

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- Companies that use the the federal lands also reimburse the American taxpayers for the priviledge and pay any and all costs associated with remediation of any damages and create an up-front depository fund to be used should the company default;
- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Helen Merchant  
12151 E Maguire Rd  
Noble, OK 73068

## **Marsha Wheaton**

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February 9, 2008 2:24 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a former 5-year resident of southeast Idaho who was fortunate to know and love the beauty of the west's natural surroundings, I am compelled to write. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## Mary Hunt

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340 Old Mill Rd # 197 , Santa Barbara, CA 93110

February 9, 2008 2:21 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
Mary Hunt  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93110

## Michael Fox

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1329 Sacramento #5 , San Francisco, CA 94109

February 9, 2008 2:15 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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San Francisco, CA 94109

## **Elizabeth A. Camp**

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February 9, 2008 2:14 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth A. Camp  
P.O. Box 367  
Copperhill, TN 37317

## **Todd Tanner**

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178 Wolf Creek Ranch Road , Bigfork, MT 59911

February 9, 2008 2:09 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a sportsman, I'm alarmed by the rampant energy development on our public lands here in the West. We need to focus on protecting our wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts. The corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. We need to do everything possible to minimize habitat destruction, and to ensure that the public has a voice in this entire process.

Sincerely,  
Todd Tanner  
178 Wolf Creek Ranch Road  
Bigfork, MT 59911

**Danielle M.**

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6421 French Angel Terrace , Margate, FL 33063

February 9, 2008 2:07 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely, Danielle Medina 6421 French Angel Terrace Margate, FL 33063

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Danielle M.  
6421 French Angel Terrace  
Margate, FL 33063

## **Kathryn Rose**

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2749 Lafayette St. , Denver, CO 80205

February 9, 2008 2:06 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Let's save what few wilderness areas we have left. Surely there are power corridors that are not in wilderness areas. Save the Earth! Save the humans!!

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Denver, CO 80205

## **Ron Nelson**

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3749 SW 319th Street , Federal Way, WA 98023

February 9, 2008 2:03 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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It is really necessary now to stand up to corporate demands against our public lands by taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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I hope these suggestions by myself and thousands of others will help you to decide that by adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Thank you so much for your time in understanding the public mind towards this issue.

Sincerely,  
Ron Nelson  
3749 SW 319th Street  
Federal Way, WA 98023

## Mark Feldman

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137 Winchester Drive , Santa Rosa, CA 95401

February 9, 2008 2:00 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

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By ADOPTING THE CHANGES LISTED ABOVE, the agencies can GUARANTEE the PROTECTION of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ENSURE a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mark Feldman  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95401

## **Richard Low**

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February 9, 2008 1:53 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor-Short Sighted

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Sincerely,  
Richard Low  
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**carol mastan**

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February 9, 2008 1:52 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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## **Joan Robbins**

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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## **JOHN TANNER**

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## **Barbara McClain**

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February 9, 2008 1:48 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Alan Deane**

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February 9, 2008 1:46 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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## **Linda Lynch**

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## **Theresa E Blair**

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February 9, 2008 1:38 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Nancy Pitblado**

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February 9, 2008 1:33 PM

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Leif Wefferling**

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## Ed Pyle

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February 9, 2008 1:26 PM

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## **Jeanne Barber**

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- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild

and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Tom Hazelleaf**

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February 9, 2008 1:21 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor Comments

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have great impacts on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation, and many other resources on federal lands throughout the country. The corridors will cover 6,000 miles and nearly 3 million acres of public lands. Public input in the planning process is critical to make sure that the designation of these corridors does not destroy the inherent value of these public lands for some temporary or short term economically expedient objective.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

It must be ensured that new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land.

It must be shown that federal lands are necessary locations and that special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the many other irreplaceable units which the proposed corridors would cross.

-Projects must be subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory.

Risks to federal and other affected lands must be realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can be avoided or minimized: agencies must analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected.

When appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors.

Consideration must be given to improving access for renewable energy. Agencies should make it a priority to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future t by evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy.

Wild areas pending designation should be avoided. Wildlands included in recently introduced wilderness bills in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. The analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided.

Lastly,it must be ensured that alternatives are presented and considered. Without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies should provide the public with choices.

Please don't allow the permanent destruction or defacement our priceless natural endowments to occur in response to temporary circumstances. The energy resources in these areas will last decades, at most. It is not worth destroying lands that have been eons in the making because some people are too lazy to explore alternatives. Initial cost alone must not be the main criteria in making these difficult choices.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Catherine Cushing

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February 9, 2008 1:19 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am concerned about the Energy Dept.'s plans to run electrical powerlines and oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines through some of the country's most iconic landscapes. We should protect these spaces as national treasures, not sacrifice them for energy sources that we should be trying to move away from.

I am forwarding the letter I recieved from the Wilderness Society:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;

- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;

- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Lyn Lowry**

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February 9, 2008 1:11 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impact on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the West. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. Once implemented, the damage to wild lands, rivers, water sheds, wildlife, and cultural and recreational resources will be hard if not impossible to reverse. These are public lands; we hold them in trust for the future, they are not ours, or in this case yours, to use up and throw away.

With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors be a positive, not a destructive step for our public lands.

By designating large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines - which in itself should be reconsidered - the government must meet its responsibility of doing it right:

- New pipelines or powerlines must actually be needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through alternative energy sources, increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximized use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

- These are public lands, held in trust for our children and generations of wildlife to come. Agencies must use the analyses of conservation groups and move corridors out of special places such as Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross.

- Any projects must be subjected to best management practices. They must limit damage to other resources, wildlife, recreation and views. Agencies must make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory.

- Risks to federal and other affected lands must be realistically and thoroughly assessed so that they can be avoided or minimized. Agencies must analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected.

- Once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands must be presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors.

- Consideration must be given to improving access for renewable energy such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy.

- These corridors must avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will probably be adversely affected by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation must be avoided.

- Alternatives must be presented and considered. Without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (which have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices; that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Frank Ackerman

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February 9, 2008 1:09 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: The West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Dont destroy valuable Open space. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both

federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Kelly Garbato**

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February 9, 2008 1:08 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please reconsider the West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and
- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Kenneth King**

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February 9, 2008 1:06 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Changes needed to energy corridor program

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This involves ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized;
- agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- agencies should work to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and give consideration to improving access for renewable energy;
- as agencies are provided with relevant information on wilderness areas, they should move or modify corridors;

- present and consider a full range of alternatives are presented and considered--the public needs these for intelligent choices.

Please adopt the changes above so that the agencies will be protecting our publicly-owned wildlands while ensuring a sustainable, clean energy future for us all.

Sincerely,  
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## Linda Hines

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February 9, 2008 1:04 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please take a courageous stand to protect our diminishing wild lands and wildlife. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both

federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Jeri Iversen**

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February 9, 2008 1:02 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- determinations are made that new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

- exploration is done to establish whether or not federal lands are necessary locations and that special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;

- any projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;

- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are

connected and should discuss these impacts with those affected and accept public comment on the impacts;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind, geothermal and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **K Maddox**

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February 9, 2008 12:56 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed;
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- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views;
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- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar;
- avoid wild areas pending designation; and
- alternatives are presented and considered - that's why NEPA requires alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, public agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Sincerely,  
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## **Reed Oliver**

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February 9, 2008 12:50 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Draft Programmatic EIS -- West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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February 9, 2008 12:47 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

We need to protect the natural beauty of scenery and wildlife given us for the enjoyment of our generation and future generations. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both

federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

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## Chuck Shiebler

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## Gladys Gustafson

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Must we destroy God's creations all for the sake of money? STOP NOW before its too late.

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February 9, 2008 12:23 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am a Professional Wildlife Biologist working for a large power company in the west. I know that there are alternatives to carving wide swaths across priceless wildlands. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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Sincerely,  
Mike Schutt  
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## **Tara Kamath**

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February 9, 2008 12:19 PM

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Subject: Re: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am writing regarding the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS).

If acted upon, these will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Joanne Szamreta**

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February 9, 2008 12:15 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Don't put our precious wild habitat and all the species that live there at risk!

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## **Maria Howard**

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February 9, 2008 12:15 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## Pat Shannon

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February 9, 2008 12:14 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

We have so little wild land left. Save it as a gift to ourselves.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
Pat Shannon  
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## Charlotte Bradley

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February 9, 2008 12:14 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

PLEASE STOP CARVING up our beautiful United States. These recent proposals are ridiculous and damaging. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
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**Kate DeAngelis**

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February 9, 2008 12:13 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Make sure new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed. Check that federal lands are necessary locations and special. Projects must be subjected to the best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views. Risks to federal and other affected lands should be realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized. Once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands should be presumptively limited to those corridors. Consider improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar. Avoid wild areas pending designation. Alternatives must be presented and considered.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Sigrid Benson**

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February 9, 2008 12:12 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed, misguided designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) would have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal (PUBLIC, that's yours and MINE) lands across the west.

Once designated, the corridors would cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands.

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Sincerely,  
Sigrid Benson  
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## **John Allran**

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February 9, 2008 12:05 PM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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## **Win Southworth**

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## James Mittl

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February 9, 2008 12:03 PM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Energy corridors have NO PLACE on special public lands!

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Sincerely,  
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## **Vivian Lohn-Tinker**

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February 9, 2008 11:57 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

It seems one can hardly read a paper, turn on the t.v. or read an e-mail during the past 8 years without one of these sad, frustrating, plan of action by our government. It saddens me that our leaders are not really acting for all the people. The interests are limited to the group that can gain the most from it. Where are the caring and visionary leaders of yesterday?

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Judith Mitchell

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February 9, 2008 11:53 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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This member of the "public" (as in "public lands" -- see above) strongly urges you to avoid any unnecessary invasive actions on these lands. Leave them as pristine as they are, or once were. Use the resources that would be funneled into desecration of wilderness areas, towards imaginative R&D of NON-POLLUTING ALTERNATIVES to fossil fuels.

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An old Native American saying is "We did not inherit this land from our ancestors, we are borrowing it from our grandchildren". Please keep that in mind when making your decisions. What kind of a legacy will be left if these valuable wild lands are encroached on and destroyed??

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Sincerely,  
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## **Marilyn Britton**

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When the government took on the responsibility of the process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, they also took on the **RESPONSIBILITY OF DOING IT RIGHT!**

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**YOU NEED TO BUILD OUR CONFIDENCE BY DOING ALL YOU CAN TO MAKE THIS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME... IT'S TOO IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED... THE CITIZENS, THE ANIMALS, AND THE AIR & LAND.  
THANK YOU.**

Sincerely,  
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Thank you.

And AMEN!

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We wouldn't think of melting down the Liberty Bell or destroying the Declaration of Independence, why do politicians believe it's okay to destroy our beautiful, wilderness lands? Aren't they apart of America too? Aren't they also our National Treasure? I don't want MY public land destroyed by the plague of man.

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Dear Argonne National Labs:

**STOP IT ALREADY!**

Geeze, every day I hear of yet another plan to stripmine, to clear land, to put in pipelines, to do this, to do that...

**ENOUGH ALREADY!**

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Sincerely,  
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## **Elmar Brock**

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February 9, 2008 11:38 AM

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## **Ruth Hosek**

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p.s. RENEWABLE/SUSTAINABLE energy development is a true clean non-carbon based energy. ZERO CARBON/POLUTION TECHNOLOGIES ARE HEAR NOW!

Sincerely,  
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crestone, CO 81131

## Cindy Mullen

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February 9, 2008 11:24 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: Wisdom for West-wide Energy Corridor

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February 9, 2008 11:24 AM

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## Chris Saia

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February 9, 2008 11:16 AM

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In other words, don't be an idiot.

Thank you.

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## Joyce Weir

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Box749 , Newport, WA 99156

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Sincerely,  
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## **Elizabeth Medley**

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February 9, 2008 11:12 AM

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## **Susan L D Shamblin**

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Leslie Tompkins**

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## **Ron Thigpen**

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February 9, 2008 11:00 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Nicole Jordan

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February 9, 2008 11:00 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: URGENT: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am writing as a voting U.S. citizen. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my views.

Sincerely,  
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## **Kathleen Arnold**

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February 9, 2008 10:55 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Kevin Armitage**

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am very interested in the future of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and surrounding areas, as I have lived there and visited many times.

So this is a crucial issue to me.

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## **Amy Hansen**

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February 9, 2008 10:54 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please protect our precious wild lands and resources! Re: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. I urge you to work to guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans by taking some very necessary measures outlined below.

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## **John Savlove**

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February 9, 2008 10:51 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) is something that must be approached with great care, for obvious reasons.

Our industrial might is not what it used to be, and this has to do with challenges created by the given infrastructure. If these challenges are not taken seriously - as they were not, for example, in the safeguarding of New Orleans from Katrina (one of a tidal wave of storms promising to be more damaging than ever)- the catastrophes created by unforeseen circumstances will be taken VERY seriously.

Our industrial might would be better served by an analysis of all the problems as they are today rather than a reliance on old models not only for energy sources, but also the scientific and spiritual basis for our choices as this country faces interrelated energy issues. For us to regain our global leadership role, we must show the world that we can proceed cleanly and safely. Our track record is not good in this regard, and the industrialization of the rest of the world in our image does not bode well unless industrialists, politicians, and other powerful planners start reviewing the facts at hand a little more clearly.

I will not repeat the many specific points The Wilderness Society and other public citizens urge you to prioritize if you are to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines. It's also important for you to remember the broader concepts that would lead you to act more efficiently and cooperatively with saner strategies for American triumph.

No one wants to see their creature comforts reduced for any reason - neither business miscalculation, nor foreign attack, nor acts of nature are fun (or worthy fruits of a good work ethic). There are a great many ways to provide energy for the country without it being this costly or wasteful. To be realistic, you really must revise and administrate according to more holistic energy principles.

The information is available, and we pray for more enlightened and sensitive energy policies. The pressures to keep up the status quo are tremendous and severe, I know, but with patience, courage and pride, we can rebuild our precious national heritage. The very concept of a healthy American lifestyle is at stake here. Please proceed wisely.

Sincerely,  
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## **Katherine B Nungesser**

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February 9, 2008 10:48 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Do something good for the environment for a change. By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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**Peggy Malone**

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February 9, 2008 10:45 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

You may already have received a million letters from folk, like me who worry about the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) and the significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west.

I urge you to think wisely and care well for the land and people of this country. The other letters from groups like The Wilderness Society speak for me. Please read and listen to their pleas to use our lands with care., and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Armand Ball**

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## **Timothy Brown**

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February 9, 2008 10:35 AM

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## Jacqueline Carter

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February 9, 2008 10:34 AM

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February 9, 2008 10:33 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor - PROTECT OUR PUBLIC LANDS!

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am an ecologist, and want to see strong protection of our public land. The West maintains incredible landscapes, and must be protected from oil and gas rilling, ORV's, roads, and all development. We are fortunate to have such natural beauty that provides us with invaluable ecosystem services, recreational opportunities (e.g., hiking, camping), and supports our native wildlife.

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- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and
- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Ana Davidson, PhD

Sincerely,  
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## Aloysius Wald

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February 9, 2008 10:33 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
- projects are subjected to best management practices to limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: agencies should make their Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory;
- risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed, so that those risks can then be avoided or minimized: agencies should analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

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- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives.

Further, with energy companies realizing gigantic windfall profits, isn't it time that they pay THEIR fair share of infrastructure costs to ensure that energy transmission leaves as little a footprint as possible.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Columbus, OH 43214

## **Lori Oostendorp**

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February 9, 2008 10:30 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The current proposed designations in the can be better with a little more planning. The Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, these corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, the publics' involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands, rather than a negative one.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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By adopting the changes listed above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Rockton, IL 61072

## Henry White

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February 9, 2008 10:29 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or power lines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly owned wild lands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Aurora, CO 80014

## Gary Warner

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2303 Highway 187 , Eureka Springs, AR 72631

February 9, 2008 10:26 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

What is the Bush Administration trying to do--go out in a blaze of environmental rape and ruination of all our wild places to appease his cronies in the energy industry. His actions make me ashamed to be a Republican and twice voting for him.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Thank you.

P.S. What is the Bush Administration trying to do--go out in a blaze of environmental destruction and ruination of all our wild places to appease his cronies in the oil industry?

Sincerely,  
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Eureka Springs, AR 72631

## Edward Oberweiser

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February 9, 2008 10:26 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will impact wildlife habitat, cultural resources and other resources on western federal lands. The corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. Public involvement in the planning process is crucial. Public involvement will make sure the designation of these corridors is good for our public lands.

The government took on the responsibility of designating lands for power lines, pipelines and energy infrastructure correctly, efficiently and environmentally soundly. This would involve ensuring that:

? new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed

? federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

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? projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: projects on federal lands should be limited to corridors;

? agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating renewable alternatives to fossil fuel use:

? wild areas pending designation should be avoided: wildlands will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet. As agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers should also be avoided; and

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Santa Cruz, CA 95062

## **Dawn McKinnis**

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February 9, 2008 10:19 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please PROTECT our publically-owned wetlands so wildlife and other life may be sustained. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;

- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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February 9, 2008 10:18 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited to those corridors: agencies should limit projects on federal lands to corridors;
- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy; i feel this is a very important step;
- avoid wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided; and
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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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newark, DE 19711

## Caroline Getz

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909 Harrison ST. , Hollywood, FL 33019

February 9, 2008 10:16 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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- alternatives are presented and considered: without alternatives, the public can only comment on what they don't like about the proposed plan. The agencies (who have all of the pertinent information) should provide the public with choices - that's why NEPA requires them to develop alternatives. Ill-advised policies cause destruction in many areas, habitat, etc. Please let common sense rule here.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Getz  
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Hollywood, FL 33019

## Denis Dionne

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February 9, 2008 10:15 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor Protection

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Denis Dionne  
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## David Payne, Sr.

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February 9, 2008 10:12 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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- federal lands are necessary locations and SPECIAL or SENSITIVE public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to AVOID them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors OUT of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
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- consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;

- AVOID wild areas pending designation: wildlands included in recently-introduced wilderness bills (such as those in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California) will also be impacted by the proposed corridors. Analysis of such impacts has not been completed yet, but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider moving or modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be AVOIDED ; and

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Woodbridge, VA 22193-1611

## **L. Friedman**

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February 9, 2008 10:10 AM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Dortha Marquis**

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February 9, 2008 10:00 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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## **Bruce Scofield**

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February 9, 2008 9:58 AM

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Subject: Consider alternatives - green corridor is smart

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## **Diana Dexter**

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February 9, 2008 9:53 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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## Leif Vernest

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February 9, 2008 9:51 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please Protect Western Wildlands!

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Joan Bailey**

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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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In addition, in this age of global climate change, we should be working hard to encourage alternative sources of energy and ways to deliver that energy.

By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Tamar Schwartz**

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February 9, 2008 9:40 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Please don't allow our precious wilderness to be marred.

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## Jean Wright

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors could cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. The large-scale buildup likely within these corridors means that public involvement in the planning process is crucial - these are public trust lands, not the government's private property.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took responsibility to do it carefully, and openly. This would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines will actually be needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;
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federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands which will be impacted when the corridors are connected;

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## **Jean Engle**

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February 9, 2008 9:31 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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I am very concerned about the loss of what little wild land is left in this country. I'm also upset to see the DOE's continuing acceptance of fossil-fuel-generated energy. These are prime areas for the use of solar power, and this is a prime opportunity to put more public money towards the development of that technology.

Sincerely,  
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## **Sheryl Bottner**

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February 9, 2008 9:24 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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## Vicki Zacharewicz

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February 9, 2008 9:22 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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The idea of building miles worth of new pipelines across the country is not only economically unrealistic, the cost of destruction of habitats, the potential cost of environmental accidents which will undoubtedly occur at some point is a hardship that this country should not bare.

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## John Hope

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February 9, 2008 9:21 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Jonnie Killcreas**

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February 9, 2008 9:17 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Why do you need new corridors? Why can't you upgrade existing corridors? You need to look for alternative fuel sources before destroying any more public areas.

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## **Kathryn Andre**

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February 9, 2008 9:15 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I have to question if the master minds who plan such intrusive destruction of our public lands ever had the opportunity to enjoy and grow to love our special places. Maybe this is why people who should know how precious our public lands are, and how much they are valued by many of us public owners, would damage them in the name of energy development.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Joel Maguire

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February 9, 2008 9:12 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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## **Roger Adams**

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February 9, 2008 9:12 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Comments to West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a Grandparent from Spencer, WV, I want you to know that I care deeply about the kind of country that we are leaving our children and Grandchildren. The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Sincerely,  
Roger Adams  
444 High Street  
Spencer, WV 25276

## James Guilford

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257 cook road , franklin, NC 28734

February 9, 2008 9:10 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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## **Gordon Messling**

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HC 70 Box 404 , Jasper, AR 72641

February 9, 2008 8:59 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Louise Petering**

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7229 N. Santa Monica Blvd , Fox Point, WI 532173506

February 9, 2008 8:53 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

**PROTECT OUR BEAUTIFUL NATURAL HERITAGE! MANDATE ENERGY  
CONSERVATIVE & EFFICIENCY PRACTICES THAT WILL SECURE THE FUTURE  
BEAUTY OF OUR NATION AND HELP CUT THE WASTEFUL ENERGY  
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## **William Pettus**

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282 Bo Diddly Drive , Iva, SC 29655

February 9, 2008 8:43 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## **Skip Faulkner**

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705 Oakwood Dr. , Hamilton, OH 45013

February 9, 2008 8:42 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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These natural wonders are for all of us & shouldn't be squandered. The Bush administration had a negative effect on the land. Do the right thing!!!

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Sincerely,  
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Hamilton, OH 45013

## **M Alan Wurth**

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2 Pioneer Lane , Red Bud, IL 622782640

February 9, 2008 8:38 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sincerely,  
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Red Bud, IL 62278-2640

## **Lisa Koehl**

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26 Mason Hill Road , Brooklyn, CT 06234

February 9, 2008 8:38 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Please Protect West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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Brooklyn, CT 06234

## G. Barnes

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229 SW 139th St , Seattle, WA 981661355

February 9, 2008 8:33 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I worked for the State of Utah for a dozen years. Throughout that time I traveled for both work and pleasure throughout the state's most beautiful areas (as well as some not-so-beautiful areas), and I speak with the authority of one who's "been there".

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Seattle, WA 98166-1355

## **Sarah Pearson**

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1210 Chaney Road , Raleigh, NC 27606

February 9, 2008 8:29 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: CONCERNS: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am very concerned about the detriment to national wildlands if the proposed energy corridors come to fruition. Plans such as these need the most diligent scrutiny because once put in place the damage is done forever.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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Raleigh, NC 27606

## **George W. Frame**

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February 9, 2008 8:21 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

As a citizen I feel a responsibility to express my astonishment and concern about the government's disregard of natural resources preservation. At best, planning for energy development is short-sighted and unimaginative. Now is the time to make fundamental changes in how future energy needs will be met, and not do business as usual. Current proposals by the Department of Energy impose adverse impacts on the environment, making protection of important natural areas unsustainable.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## David Stevens

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February 9, 2008 8:14 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## Pat Pickren

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February 9, 2008 8:11 AM

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## Catherine Carpenter

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am a concerned citizen increasingly appalled by the apparent "War on the Environment" (although they don't call it that) of the Bush administration. The most recent example is the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS). They will have significant impacts on wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **JOSEPH RODGERS**

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February 9, 2008 8:04 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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I lived in the west since 1970. There was not a store within a 7 mile radius. TODAY, power lines mark my skyline. TWO casinos now are no more than a mile away from my home and housing development is out of control. MORE POWER LINES! With all of our technology, we still run cables on poles like they did over a century ago. I would hate to see more power lines, etc especially in the public domain.

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## **Kathy Nance**

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February 9, 2008 8:02 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

It is crucial to protect our wild lands. Global warming has many facets and we are quickly unbalancing mother nature. It is time to focus on reducing our energy consumption and using sustainable forms of energy rather than finite ones.

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Evelyn Evans**

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February 9, 2008 7:53 AM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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## Gail Rubio

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## Terry Burns

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These corridors should be restricted as much as possible to already developed areas, such as existing railroad and highway routes, current electricity transmission line and pipe routes etc. Undeveloped lands should be protected from development to the maximum extent possible.

Sincerely,  
Terry Burns  
4009 Fox Hollow Court  
Midland, TX 79707

## **Robert A. Mertz**

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February 9, 2008 7:30 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

Some things should be protected from our destructive development schemes forever. The words "development" and "balance" have to often come to be code words for continued disruption of our life support systems here on Earth. How can one "balance" the rape of the planet. Those in favor of every destructive development project talk about balancing the "needs" of humans with the needs of the environment. Their schemes are not unlike a starving man cutting off his leg to serve as a meal.

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## **Brian Gross**

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February 9, 2008 7:15 AM

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Sincerely,  
Brian Gross  
524 N Oak Bend Drive #305  
Duluth, MN 55811

## R. Leach

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299 E.St. Clair St. , Romeo, MI 48065

February 9, 2008 7:05 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

\\PLEASE PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND KNOW THAT THIS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THE DRIVE YOUR NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IS THAT DRIVE YOU INTEND TO DISTROY. I FIND THAT CHOICES ON THE LAND ARE VERY SHORT SIGHTED. WE NEED EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP THE PROCESS OF GOING INTO THE 21 CENTURY. iHOWEVER FEEL THIS PROCESS HAS LIMITS AND CURVES THE MOST OF YOU DON'T EVEN CONCIDER.

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## **Peggy Sawyer**

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February 9, 2008 6:43 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Scarring what remains of the American wild landscape is like putting a highway and strip malls through the Library of Congress, Mt. Rushmore, or the Smithsonian. Carefulness has never been the hallmark of the energy sector; but when it comes to the iconic scenery of our nation, brute pillage is the purposeful trashing of America.

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## L. Carmel

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Sincerely,  
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Jacksonville, FL 32241

## Cynthia Mead

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February 9, 2008 6:24 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I strongly oppose the West-wide energy corridors proposed by the DOE. These proposed corridors would have a significant adverse impact on some of America's most treasured public lands. These lands are a treasured natural resource that must be protected for future generations. Instead of proposing energy corridors to support outdated, polluting energy sources, DOE should instead turn its attention to facilitating wind and solar power. Supporting clean, non-nuclear energy sources will help America become energy independent, will encourage America to develop cutting edge energy technologies to allow it to compete successfully in the global marketplace, and will protect our environment for future generations.

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## **Nancy Bristow**

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February 9, 2008 6:21 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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February 9, 2008 6:04 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Stop the West-wide Energy Corridor

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## D. Carr

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22a School Street , Hanover, NH 03755

February 9, 2008 5:39 AM

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## Sheila Swigert

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50 Fort Place , Staten Island, NY 10301

February 9, 2008 5:30 AM

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Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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How could you even imagine putting power lines and pipelines through the pristine beauty of federal lands. What are we paying you people to do? I would like to assume that you are doing the people's work, not the work of the electrical, oil, and natural gas companies.

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## Mark Sutherland

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February 9, 2008 4:20 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
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## Paul Wade

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February 9, 2008 4:04 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Sometimes I think that instead of personalizing these form letters that I would be better off leaving them alone. The reason being is that I get so hot under the collar about what the government is trying to do to MY land (it is, after all "public land", right? Then as a taxpayer that makes it MY land) that I'm afraid I'll start shaking my fist and yelling and that would just defeat the purpose.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## **Ken and Pat Simila**

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February 9, 2008 3:29 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Energy Delivery Corridors Proposal Blight

Dear Argonne National Labs:

I am concerned that the proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it right. This would involve ensuring that:

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- federal lands are necessary locations and special or sensitive public lands are avoided altogether: agencies should continue analyzing impacts to special public lands and moving corridors to avoid them. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups to move corridors out of special places like Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the dozens of other outstanding units which the proposed corridors would cross;
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## Larry Lawton

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February 9, 2008 3:18 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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Thank you.

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## David Sandbeck

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February 9, 2008 3:12 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By adopting these changes, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,  
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**john burnett**

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February 9, 2008 2:55 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

What is it going to take to stop the rape?

The proposed designations in the Department of Energy's Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) will have significant impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, recreation opportunities, and many other resources on federal lands across the west. Once designated, the corridors will cover 6,000 miles and almost 3 million acres of public lands. With large-scale buildup likely within these corridors, public involvement in the planning process is crucial to ensure that the designation of these corridors is a positive step for our public lands.

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## **Dolores Reynolds**

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February 9, 2008 2:50 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Building 900, Mail Stop 4  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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The actual purpose of this 'corridor' may be to facilitate the creation of a Canada-to-Mexico expressway. This would give free rein to corporations to avoid safety and environmental standards in production, transportation and content (eg: lead paint on toys from China) of products. We citizens would appreciate having a great deal more information provided to us before we concede that there is a need for a trans-national energy corridor.

By assuming the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also took on the responsibility of doing it properly. Among other things, this would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed: agencies should analyze the potential to meet growing energy demands through increased energy efficiency, distributed generation and maximizing the use of the existing power grid through technology upgrades before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land;

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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February 9, 2008 2:50 AM

West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

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By taking the responsibility to move forward with a process to designate large swaths of our federal lands as places for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines, and power lines, the government also assumes the responsibility of doing it right. Past practice dictates our government seldom exercises forethought in the processes it commands. Just look at the Social Security problem we are stuck in, the health insurance crises our citizens are living under, our 9.1 trillion dollar national debt, Iraq, the home foreclosure crises, open borders is this responsible? Anyway if we could be, this would involve ensuring that:

- new pipelines or powerlines are actually needed before turning to additional or wider corridors on our public land. The agencies should use analysis provided by conservation groups. Limit damage to other resources, recreation and views: make Interagency Operating Procedures mandatory - risks to federal and other affected lands are realistically and thoroughly assessed to avoided or minimize damages: analyze cumulative impacts to both federal lands and state, private, and tribal lands impacted as the corridors are connected;
- once appropriate locations are identified, projects on federal lands are presumptively limited and not grown from those corridors original specs.
- much more consideration is given to improving access for renewable energy, such as wind and solar: agencies should take the opportunity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, limit the effects of climate change and help build a sustainable energy future for the West by seriously evaluating alternatives to maximize use of renewable energy;
- avoid all wild areas but as agencies are provided with relevant information they should consider modifying corridors. Wild and Scenic Rivers that have been deemed eligible or suitable for designation should also be avoided.

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By adopting the changes above, the agencies can guarantee the protection of our priceless publicly-owned wildlands and ensure a sustainable, clean energy future for all Americans. Coal and oil are not nearly the sole answers to the future, further exploits simply add to our problems. Exploiting remaining precious virgin wildlands and shores will prove problematic in gentle terms for our children of the future. We can do better with today technology and smart minds if we engage them into our leadership ranks. Coal, gas and oil are simply the driving force today due to the cash they command. Until we can disrupt that "given" in today's society the needed changes for clean renewable alternatives will not be seriously considered. That is how this government operates, when it does. Yes I love this country and we all need to take a hard look at what we have become today. I'll suffice it to say, the greed and authority of a few are what is running the show. America was built on a United front and we have lost that today. View the growth in our lower class and poverty citizens to assure this fact. The middle class is shrinking and working class society is being kicked around if not abused as are our elderly neglected citizens.

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West-wide Energy Corridor DEIS  
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Subject: West-wide Energy Corridor

Dear Argonne National Labs:

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