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The proposed Boardman to Hemingway power transmission line could follow the route of an existing line that runs along the eastern edge of Baker Valley near Highway 86.

## Power companies announce new deal on line between Boardman and Hemingway

East Oregonian

PORTLAND — Idaho Power, PacifiCorp and the Bonneville Power Administration have reached a non-binding agreement on the massive Boardman to Hemingway transmission line.

The BPA in a press release Wednesday, Jan. 19, announced that the agreement clarifies and updates roles and responsibilities for the B2H project.

“The proposed agreement is an important step for this 500-kilovolt, 290-mile transmission line, which would deliver 1,000 megawatts of reliable, affordable power in each direction between the Pacific Northwest and mountain West,” according to the press release.

Under the new deal, Idaho Power and PacifiCorp will jointly own the B2H transmission line, with PacifiCorp owning 55% and Idaho Power owning 45%.

Idaho Power will acquire an ownership interest in PacifiCorp transmission lines and other equipment between eastern Idaho and the Four Corners Substation in northwest New Mexico. B2H and those acquisitions amplify Idaho Power’s connections to key energy markets that will help the company meet rapidly growing customer demand.

The Bonneville Power Administration will transfer its ownership interest in B2H to Idaho Power and will not participate in construction or have any ownership interest in the transmission line project.

Facilities PacifiCorp uses to serve BPA’s customers in and around southeast Idaho will be transferred to Idaho Power. BPA will acquire transmission service over Idaho Power’s transmission system, including the newly constructed B2H, to serve public utility customers in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

More information about BPA’s effort to serve these customers and its public process to consider the agreement is available in BPA’s letter to the region.

PacifiCorp will acquire Idaho Power transmission assets across southern Idaho that, combined with its majority stake in Boardman-Hemingway, will increase its contiguous power transfer capability between its western and eastern systems, and will acquire additional transmission service from BPA to enable it to serve its growing customer base in central Oregon.

With the non-binding term sheet developed, the three organizations move into a negotiation phase to finalize the agreements and seek regulatory approval. Concurrent with this press release, BPA is issuing a letter to its regional stakeholders and customers that outlines the proposal, describes the background and explains the process for engaging with BPA on this topic.

Construction of the line is set to begin in 2023, and B2H is anticipated to come online in 2026.

The term sheet and background information about B2H is available at the project website.

## 75 YEARS AGO County Fair Officials Discuss Plans for Building Up Exhibits

A meeting of the superintendents of the various departments of the Grant County Fair met with County Agent Farrell at at his office in Canyon City recently, and went through in detail all departments of exhibits from the livestock to the lowly spud, as set forth in last year’s premium list. These premium lists have been copied from year to year for many years and many errors have crept in, also discrepancies and inequalities of premiums offered. The old list needed a thorough revamping; much has become obsolete and many new items needed to be included. Each superintendent made his suggestions of eliminations, additions and corrections, which will be included in the list as printed this year.

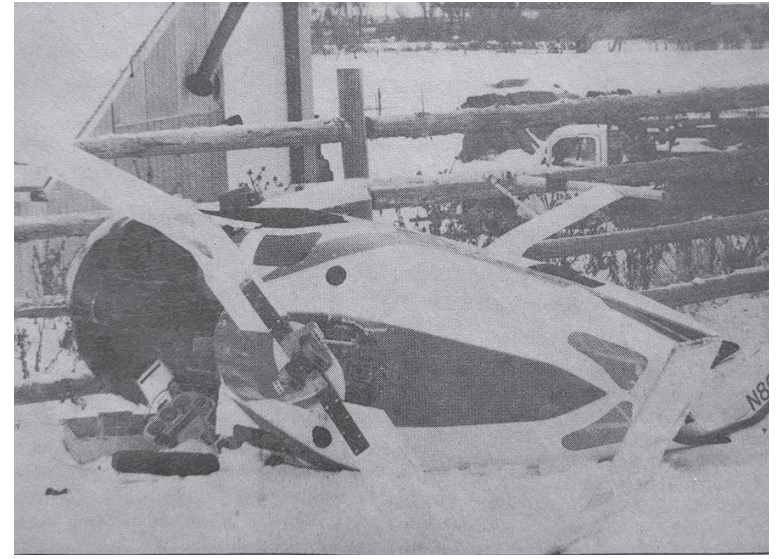
The livestock department included horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep under one superintendent, this will be divided and two superintendents appointed. In the poultry department many classes of fowls are no longer bred, and new breeds come into being. And the same right down the line.

Renewal of community booths was urged. There were none last year, but they are of much interest and benefit to the fair. More buildings for stock are needed; the 4-H has grown greatly in size and importance in recent years, a larger show ring was suggested and a revamping of the interior of main hall urged.

It was recommended that a chairman for each community be appointed to create local interest in exhibits; that the fair premium list be gotten out in ample time and possible pamphlets of premiums only be mailed two months ahead of the issuance of the regular premium list that folks may plan on preparing exhibits well in advance, and occasional newspaper items with suggestions as to how to prepare exhibits and urging exhibits regardless of reward to make the exhibits extensive whether they are good, bad or indifferent. People are prone not to go to the trouble of bringing exhibits unless they are positive they will get a premium, and that should not be. It is a county fair, not a contest among a select few to see who gets a ribbon.

Last year the fair was a flop so far as exhibits are concerned. Few flowers, few canned goods, but little fruit, no community exhibits at

## OUT OF THE PAST



Blue Mountain Eagle, File

The shattered remains of Evan Sherman’s two-seat helicopter rest next to a wood fence 12 miles west of Mt. Vernon at Widow’s Creek Ranch in this photo from January 1997. Sherman survived the accidental crash.

all, and so on down the line. People were disgusted and well they should be but it was their own fault. If everyone would bring something even if it is a one legged chicken, a fallen cake, or a homemade shawl we would have a fair and a good one.

## 50 YEARS AGO Stockgrowers Zeroing In on Animal Health Care

Emphasis will be on livestock diseases when the Grant County Stockgrowers meet here Saturday, Feb. 5, for their annual winter meeting.

The sessions will be conducted at the Monument Grange Hall, starting at 11 a.m., and Grange ladies will serve a luncheon at noon.

Dr. Grant Pribanic, Baker, the new federal veterinarian for this area, will be a guest speaker. He is with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s animal disease control unit.

There also will be a discussion of pulmonary emphysema — or grass poisoning, as it is known — and a report on discussions held in Salem last week on this topic, according to William K. Farrell, Stockgrowers secretary.

Farrell and Garland Meador, Prairie City, who took his seat on the State Board of Agriculture this week, will discuss the county resource economic study now under way, as will Russ Youmans, a community development specialist at Oregon State University who has been involved in the project.

Time also will be given to discussion of several other resolutions passed at the October Meeting,

including one dealing with noxious weeds, Farrell said.

## 25 YEARS AGO Helicopter mishap injures pilot at ranch

WIDOW’S CREEK RANCH — A helicopter accident Monday 12 miles west of Mt. Vernon at Widow’s Creek Ranch injured pilot Evan Sherman.

According to neighbor Stan Powell, Sherman was attempting to take off in his two-seat helicopter about 9 a.m. when the helicopter lurched off its trailer, the tail hit the ground and it bounced twice before coming to rest against a wood fence.

Powell, who lives south and above Sherman’s property, had a bird’s-eye view of the accident from his house.

Powell and his wife, Bonnie, called 911 dispatch and then sped down the hill to help Sherman, who had gotten out of the helicopter, walked a few feet and collapsed.

Powell held Sherman’s head for almost an hour in sub-freezing morning weather. Bonnie brought down two pillows and blankets to help keep Sherman warm.

Powell said he thought the helicopter’s skids had frozen to the trailer, inhibiting takeoff.

Powell said Sherman often flew his helicopter.

“He bought the helicopter in Arizona and taught himself how to fly,” Powell said.

Sherman was taken to Blue Mountain Hospital by Grant County Ambulance.

He returned home Monday night. He sustained a broken collarbone in the crash.

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