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1 MR. DeVINNEY: welcome everyone. We can
2 dispense with the formalities. You know why
3 you're here. We know why we're here. And we
4 have a panel of two people, from the Department
5 of Energy and from the Forest Service, and
6 their names are out front. And they have a
7 short introduction. Julia will give a short
8 introduction and then we'll take your comments.

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9 You can provide verbal comments here and then
10 provide written comments later if you wish.
11 There are instructions there if you also want
12 to reach them on the web. But in light of the
13 anthrax testing in Washington DC, you might not
14 want to use the U.S. postal service. We might
15 not be able to read your comments.

16 MS. SOUDER: Good evening, everybody.
17 Thank you very much for coming here tonight. I
18 don't think that our mic is working. If you
19 can't hear me, I will move to that one.

20 Ron is leaving. He is on our panel, and
21 Maryanne from the Forest Service.

22 MS. KURTINAITIS: I am out of the
23 Washington office, just about the last nine
24 months that I have moved there, and I am in the
25 Lands and Reality Management Program there.

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1 MS. SOUDER: When Ron comes back from
2 working on the microphone, we'll introduce him.

3 I am the western regional coordinator for
4 the Office of Electricity, Delivery, and Energy
5 Liability and the project manager for the
6 Section 368, which is the section and energy
7 policy act that was recently passed, and passed
8 in August of 2005. It directs the secretary of
9 agriculture, commerce, defense, energy, and
10 interior to designate energy corridors under
11 our respective authorities on federal lands in
12 eleven western states within two years, which
13 is August of 2007. So we're already a year and
14 a half into it.

15 Key of designations will occur in the land
16 use management processes. The land use
17 determining that designating corridors is
18 required by -- is required by the energy bill,
19 which is a major federal action. What we're
20 intending to do is prepare a programmatic
21 environmental impact statement to address three
22 things. One, to look at the proposed action
23 and range of reasonable alternatives that were
24 outlined in the notice of intent that was
25 published in September 28, and really

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1 encouraging public participation. It's crucial
2 to our process that we really hear as much as
3 we can from the various groups and perspectives
4 out west.

5 The intent of the scoping meeting is to
6 solicit public comments for consideration in
7 establishing the scope and contents of the
8 programmatic EIS. The federal agencies, public
9 interest groups, Native American tribes,
10 businesses, environmental associations, and
11 members of the public are all, hopefully,
12 notified and participate in the comment process
13 to help refine some of the preliminary
14 alternatives that we addressed in the notice of
15 intent.

16 We are holding these meetings in 11
17 western cities, and you will have a published

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18 document in January/February '06 with all of
19 the formal comments that were made at all of
20 the 11 meetings. And the best way to access
21 this is if you go to the website, which is
22 posted there. And also, another way to
23 comment, there is a box that you can go to and
24 click and say, Yes, please keep me updated on
25 upcoming events, upcoming notices, upcoming

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1 reports. So it's a great way for all of us to
2 stay communicating.

3 Also, another way to comment is the
4 comment forms that we have that were given to
5 you in your packets. This is great. If you
6 don't want to come up and speak, you can also
7 fill this out and leave it here or mail it in,
8 if that's what you are comfortable with. Also,
9 faxing, and as Bob mentioned, mailing -- it's
10 probably better to mail express mail, FedEx or
11 UPS, or your preferable courier because it is
12 an issue with going through the anthrax
13 screening. It will delay it a little bit. And
14 also, sometimes the materials are either
15 crumpled up or disfigured.

16 And also, if you are really curious and
17 you want to read more tonight before you go to
18 the website, there is a great one-pager that
19 answers a lot of questions regarding the work
20 that we're doing.

21 The formal comments will be recorded in
22 the official record, and during the formal
23 presentation we would prefer not to have
24 questions and answers. But if you feel like
25 you want to make a comment in the form of a

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1 question, that's fine too.

2 We're going to turn off the recorder after
3 formal comments, and we can break for informal
4 discussion with agency representatives. Are
5 there any agency representatives in the
6 audience? Thank you very much for being here,
7 and we look forward to discussions with you.

8 Please keep your comments to ten minutes,
9 and then if we need a little extra time, I am
10 sure we'll be flexible. And thank you again
11 for participating, and it's really important
12 that you are here, so we appreciate you taking
13 the time.

14 Are there any elected officials or tribal
15 representatives that wish to speak? We would
16 ask if you could please turn off your cell
17 phones and pagers so we can begin the meeting.

18 I don't have any names of anyone, but
19 would any of you like to come up and give your
20 name and affiliation and enlighten us on your
21 ideas for alternatives?

22 7:20. We can take a break for about 15
23 minutes and see if other people are still
24 trying to get in and we can start again in 15
25 minutes, and go off the record. Thank you.

(Recess taken.)

MS. SOUDER: Thank you, guys. And looking at my watch, after taking a break -- took a little longer. It's 8:05. Does anyone else have any comments?

I seen none. We will close this session again until further notice, but we will be here to answer any questions off the record. Thank you very much. We really appreciate you being here.

(HEARING ADJOURNED AT 8:09 P.M.)

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