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June 15, 2026

Kathleen Steele

Program Manager

Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program

Dear Kathleen,

This request is regarding the credit requirement to build a new three phase distribution powerline in Dolly Varden Valley and Antelope Valley, located in White Pine and Elko County. I have previously sent over the current route and will include the route with this letter. I have received the preliminary credit requirement for this project from the SET Council.

Mt Wheeler Power is requesting per NAC 232.460 (e) (1) & NAC 232.460 (f) (2). Mt Wheeler an exemption from purchasing the Sage Grouse Credits due to these two regulations. (1) Is necessary to protect public health or safety, (1) Is performed by a federal agency, state agency, local government or utility for a public purpose.

The proposed powerline extending to the Goshute Radar Site and is a necessity for protection of the Utah Test and Training Range. Please see the attached letter from the Executive Director of the Utah Test and Training Range.

Mt Wheeler Power service territory supports the GTGR Ibapah reservation with an 85-mile three phase distribution powerline that starts in Baker Nevada. The feeder supports the Mt Wheeler Power members in North Snake Valley, Calleo, Gold Hill, & Partoun. When this long radial powerline feeder has a powerline event of any kind, the members in these areas see the impacts of these power events and outages. The new powerline would provide a more reliable source for the members in Ibapah, Fire, EMS, & the US Air Force. It would better support those depending on oxygen or any other health reason requiring constant electricity. The current powerline traverses Pleasant Valley and during the winter months with a severe storm event outage, the powerline has been inaccessible causing delay restoring powerline outages. This new three phase powerline would be a 55-60 mile feeder as compared to the current 85 mile feeder. It would have much better access during the winter months and provide much better reliability for the members it serves. This proposed powerline would be for the benefit of the public and the Ibapah community

Mt Wheeler Power would like to move forward with attaining controlling agencies (BLM) approval for construction of this new three phase powerline.

Mt Wheeler is a non-profit electric cooperative.

If you would like to further the discussion call or email anytime.

Very Respectfully,

Jake Brunson

Mt Wheeler Power

Distribution Manager



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HQ UTAH TEST AND TRAINING RANGE (ACC)
HILL AIR FORCE BASE UTAH**

May 26, 2026

Mr. Timothy P. Flores
Executive Director
Headquarters, Utah Test and Training Range

Mr. Jake Brunson
Distribution Manager
Mt Wheeler Power, Inc.

Greetings Mr. Brunson,

I'm writing to provide amplifying information regarding the Goshute Radar Site and its significance in support of various national security interests.

The Goshute Radar Site is a national security asset and critical Instrumentation and Range Safety Site for the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR). Of note, this site enables key mission functions that directly align with the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act which mandates the UTTR, as a member of the Western Regional Range Complex, to pursue interconnection of all Western Ranges to create a joint, multi-domain testing environment. These key mission functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Real-time tracking radar of aircraft and flight test assets
- Enhanced Flight Termination System capability ensuring public and mission safety
- Range-wide radio communications and integration
- Support for command-and-control functions; electromagnetic spectrum requirements; and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions
- Support to kinetic and non-kinetic test operations including electronic warfare, cyber, and information environment activities

Currently, the Goshute Radar Site relies exclusively on generator power resulting in a single point of failure which increases risk to mission and flight safety. The UTTR is pursuing various infrastructure improvement investments including commercial power connectivity to sustain operations. Due to continually increasing national security implications, commercial power is crucial to sustaining the site's capabilities to support national defense operations.

Please contact me directly via email at timothy.flores.3@us.af.mil, or (385) 865-9490 if you'd like to discuss further. Thank you for your partnership, advocacy, and patriotism as we continue to defend our great nation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Flores", is positioned above the printed name.

TIMOTHY P. FLORES, Civ, DAF
Executive Director



Mt Wheeler Power
New proposed three
phase line extension
Dolly Varden and
Antelope Valley

LOCATION:
Ely, Nevada

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GRVI Circuit
New 3 Phase Line Extension
to Ibapah

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