

## Rifle to Parachute Transmission Line Project

### Siting and Permitting

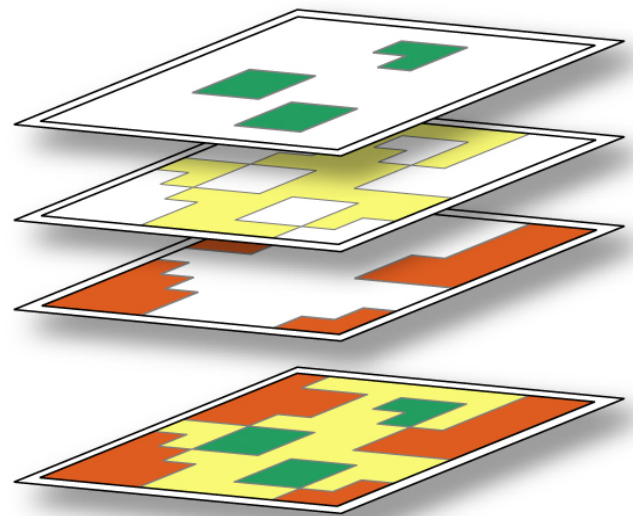
Siting a transmission line and its associated facilities requires the assembly and evaluation of input from a variety of sources. Factors to consider include environmental and land use impacts, engineering feasibility and public acceptability.

To help identify candidate areas for the project, we created a Geographic Information System-based siting study map through a resource mapping process as illustrated in the Figure A example. As each resource map is layered over the others and the data compiled together, potential sites emerge that are more closely analyzed for project feasibility and presentation to the public for review.

We then analyze and compare the potential sites against each other. Criteria considered for this analysis include:

- Transmission line length
- Visual potential
- Proximity to existing residences
- Access road constructability issues
- Potential impacts to sensitive wildlife areas, wetlands and vegetative cover
- Existing and future land use and zoning
- Jurisdictional and regulatory considerations
- Costs

### Opportunities and Constraints



### Resource Data

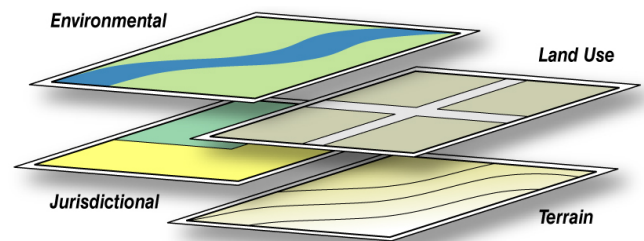


Figure A

We further analyze the potential sites that best meet the above criteria by reviewing more detailed information. This can include performing topographic surveys, developing preliminary grading designs with various equipment layouts and configurations, identifying site access and transmission and feeder line route options, and exploring viable alternatives with landowners. As we identify these more suitable sites, we present them to the public, whose comments we then consider in the siting process.

### Public Involvement

The new transmission line route will cross private property and public lands (BLM) in Garfield County. We will hold open house meetings as part of the public scoping process for siting the transmission line. Invitations will be sent to land owners within ¼ mile of all proposed transmission line route alternatives. Here are the meeting details:

**Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012**

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Rifle Public Library  
207 East Avenue  
Rifle, CO 81650

**Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012**

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Grand Valley Fire Protection Dist.  
Station #1  
124 Stone Quarry Road  
Parachute, CO 81635



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