

## Dismissed Alignment Alternatives

Several alternatives were considered but eliminated from detailed analysis, based on the recommendation by WRNF resource specialists, Minturn residents, and town officials. Alternatives and alternative concepts that were considered and dismissed from detailed analysis are:

- **Dismissed Option 1 - West Option** – A transmission line alignment above Minturn to the west. This alignment crosses through the Meadow Mountain recreational area and on land with unstable slopes.
- **Dismissed Option 2 - East Ridge Option** – A transmission line alignment along the high ridgeline above Minturn to the east. This alignment crosses through a designated Colorado Roadless Area (the Game Creek Roadless Area), and powerline and access road construction is prohibited unless no other routes are available.
- **Dismissed Option 3 - North Connection** – A transmission line alignment would cross I-70 near the US 24 interchange and continue north, connecting to the existing transmission lines that feed Vail. This route would have located new powerlines in the same corridor as existing powerlines and would thus fail to minimize risk of a power outage in the case of an adverse event within the corridor.

