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Dear Brian:

I am writing this letter on behalf of CORE Electric Cooperative to provide feedback on the Lower North-South Vegetation Management Plan.

Please be advised that CORE operates electric distribution lines in several locations throughout the project area. Any trees that are within 10 feet of a high-voltage line require a Line Clearance-Certified Arborist, such as CORE’s contracted Arborists, to safely remove. CORE will provide their contracted crews to remove any such trees upon request by the Forest Service. Furthermore, if there are any trees that the Forest Service staff or contractors do not feel comfortable felling due to a risk of striking CORE powerlines, CORE will also provide their contracted Arborists to remove those trees upon request.

Additionally, CORE requests advance notice for any treatment activities that take place in proximity to CORE Rights-of-Way, including but not limited to mechanical thinning, hand-felling, mastication, and prescribed fire.

Thank you,

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