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To: Responsible Officials, Coconino National Forest Supervisor, and any other concerned persons, I AM IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT:

It has been previously reported that there will be NO INCREASE in electrical capacity for either the McGuireville area or the Village of OakCreek with this project. There have been no power outages in the Village of OakCreek for well over a year, according to APS statements on their website (and by our personal experience as homeowners).

Minor routine maintenance of the existing 'grid' infrastructure, including replacing poles as needed and keeping underbrush cleared away from the pole bases, would effectively eliminate the danger of service interruptions from grass- or brush-fire damage to existing power lines.

The entire project distance, including the numerous acres of relatively untouched and pristine public land, will be permanently defaced and defiled with the construction of access roads, huge metal power poles on concrete foundations, and all the other construction points and staging areas deemed 'necessary' for the project and its maintenance. This damage is irreversible and environmentally unconscionable.

The overall quality of life in the Village of OakCreek will be lowered by this project. At present, residents and visitors can enjoy the mostly undisturbed forest land from Cornville Road to the VOC (including the existing Kel Fox Trail) for recreation - including walking, hiking, running, horseback riding, mountain-biking, bird-and-wildlife watching, and anything else one can think of. These activities are done IN NATURE, in the OPEN FRESH AIR. And, for many homeowners, the forest land is literally 'right out the back door'. For those living in or visiting the VOC, the forest land is easily reached by a pleasant walk or short drive, however this project will make the use of the former Kel Fox Trail through nature undesirable, or worse, 'in-your-face' offensive.

Extremely unsightly 'visual impairment' will be all around - ahead, behind, overhead, and peripherally. The installation of large tall poles and heavy-gauge cables will effectively turn enjoyment of nature into an industrial forced march. This is not what residents of, and visitors to, the Village of OakCreek expect and deserve. People live in, and visit, the VOC to enjoy the peace and quiet of nature for their outdoor experience. Vibrational hum from high-voltage electric lines in itself is enough to spoil the quiet of nature.

The 'statistical study' that attempts to discount the amount of damage that this project will do to property values in the VOC, is invalid. PERIOD.

The Village of OakCreek is an entirely unique area with its own considerations for both quality of life and resultant property values. People purchasing homes and moving to the VOC have very particular preferences as to their natural surroundings, and these will certainly be negatively affected by this APS project. As well, the very real legal considerations of Peaceful Enjoyment of Property, Nuisance, Diminution of Property Values, and Displacement of Current Residents must be weighed seriously. You are On Notice...

On a very serious point, the Electromagnetic Radiation emitting from the wires along the entire length of the project will be damaging to all life (animal, vegetable, insect and human). Though the presence and harmful/deadly effects of EMF Radiation have been wrongfully and criminally dismissed by some organizations such as the WHO, it is a real and dangerous phenomenon. Just one of the byproducts is cancer. You are On Notice...

From any observation of the voluminous concerns and objections raised by the local community, this project is not what is wanted by the VOC residents, nor or is it agreed to be in their best interests. It is harmful for many reasons to humans, their property values, wildlife and the environment, and it goes against the foundation of The Forest Service being the Protector of our National Forests and National Recreation Areas.

In summation, and as something to consider from a Moral and Ethical Standpoint - the 'off-hand' and condescending treatment that you have given to everyone who submitted objections, comments, and suggestions previously was the most arrogant, insulting, egotistical misuse of 'presumed authority' with which you could have responded. You simply 'waved your hand' and dismissed every legitimate concern that was submitted by those who are directly affected by, and who will be directly damaged by, your actions. You sited ridiculous rationalizations and excuses for your rejections of every reasonable concern submitted - without actually considering the depth and validity of the underlying concerns. This was unconscionable. You know it and we know it... My hope is that at least one person on your paid-for authoritarian team realizes the damage you are doing, and the damage that you continue to pursue, and wakes up to some small degree of Human Consciousness. It's my prayer that there is one or more among you who can see the damage that you are perpetrating toward many actual human beings and other living beings.

**I am in complete and total opposition** to this project,  
Thank you for your consideration,

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