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Responsible Official and Reviewing Officer,  
Regional Forester Michiko Martin

Dear Regional Forester Martin:

This is my objection to the above-reverenced project on the Coconino National Forest. I am submitting an issue (s) based on new information not available during the comment period, which ended January 14, 2022.

The Final Environmental Assessment lacks an adequate range of alternatives, which violates the National Environmental Policy Act. For Example, an underground power line routed alongside Hwy 179 between Beaverhead Flat Rd and the VOC is feasible and would eliminate wildfire risk and protect scenery. The Forest Service excluded this route from consideration and did not develop it as an alternative.

The Forest Service also failed to consider information crucial to making an informed decision, such as it's own rating of the VOC and Sedona as at "VERY HIGH RISK" of WILDFIRE.

Those of us who live in the VOC are very concerned about the risk of fire. High Tension Transmission Lines over head are not a good idea considering the number of fires lately that have been cased or increased due to these types of lines.

Please reconsider having APS bury the lines.

Karen Battaglia