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Dear regional Forester Martin:

I am writing to object to the above ground transmission line based on additional information since the comments deadline of January 14, 2022.

This information is that the Village of Oak Creek and Sedona are at "very high risk" of wildfires.

Allowing above ground electrical transmission lines thru forest service land is in violation of the Stewardship Agreement between the State of Arizona and the USDA Forest Service agreement. In this document you agreed to "manage risk" of wildfires by prevention and improved response to such.

The risk of wildfire caused by the power lines is much less with underground vs above ground installation. Therefore, opting for above ground transmission lines is in violation of the intent as well as the letter of the agreement.

Besides the increased risk of wildfires, I am concerned about the detrimental effect on the scenery and property values. And the increased fire risk means increased home insurance if not cancellation all together.

In summary, please do not allow above ground transmission lines on Forest Service land in the Oak Creek to McGuireville transmission line project.

Thank you,
Cheryl Harter, MD