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**Sent:** Sunday, February 23, 2025 4:04 PM  
**To:** rep.elicrane@mail.house.gov; FS-objections-southwestern-regional-office  
**Subject:** Official Objection to proposed Aps Oak Creek to McGuireville Transmission Line Project

Dear Congressman:

As a resident of the Village of Oak Creek, I am writing to show my strong objection to the APS Transmission Line Project from McGuireville Rd to Oak Creek. Critical information was not disclosed to the public during the comment period. The Draft Decision Notice claims that wildfire risk created by the above ground line near the VOC would be mitigated based on an APS Comprehensive Fire Mitigation Plan. That plan was not made available to the public until 3/22, which was after the comment period closed. The public didn't have a chance to assess whether the APS plan provides adequate or appropriate mitigation measures to reduce wildfire risk.

The Forest Service failed to consider information critical to making an informed decision such as its own rating that the Village of Oak Creek and Sedona are at "Very High Risk" of Wildfire. We have enough fire risk in the area with concerns for evacuation routes to begin with. We do not need additional risks associated with this power line.

Aside from these issues, quite honestly, I'm blown away that an above ground Transmission Line project in this area would have even gotten as far as it has. We have a responsibility to preserve this National Treasure and the views of Sedona. I meet people that come from around the world to visit this magical place and we are willing to allow APS to come in and destroy it with their visual pollution? I moved to the area for its peaceful qualities. If I wanted visual pollution, I would have gone to a city. The proximity of this proposed line to the current line would not allow for any redundancy in the event of a fire given they are so close to each other. I have never heard a resident complain about the lack of consistent power service and residents here do not want the additional line. If APS wants to do this project, please make them put these lines underground.

Additionally, the burden of any fire caused by APS SHOULD be put back on APS, not insurance companies, otherwise the risk of insuring would be too great and insurance companies would likely no longer insure homeowners **Please vote to Repeal Bill HB2201 and DO NOT ALLOW APS to move forward with above ground Transmission lines.** Thank you for your consideration.

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