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Subject: APS Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV Transmission Line Project on the Coconino National Forest

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TO: Responsible Official and Reviewing Officer, Regional Forester Michiko Martin

RE: APS Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV Transmission Line Project on the Coconino National Forest

Dear Regional Forester Martin:

I am submitting an issue based on new information not available during the previous comment period, which ended Jan 14, 2022.

The Final Environmental Assessment lacks an adequate range of alternatives, which violates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). For example, an underground power line routed alongside Hwy 179 between Beaverhead Flat Road and the Village of Oak Creek 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. In the event of a wildfire sparked by above-ground power lines, human lives and property as well as irreplaceable natural habitat will be impacted, possibly severely.

Please bury these wires into the Village of Oak Creek.

Jackie Barbour
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