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Dear Regional Forester Martin:

I am hereby submitting my issues based on new information not available to me during the previous comment period ending Jan 14, 2022.

After the end of the 2022 comment period,

First, the Forest Service published a rating, with fire risk maps, showing that the VOC and Sedona areas are at **"very high risk" of wildfire**. The project documents did not consider this rating of risk to our homes & communities.

Second, APS did not publish its comprehensive fire mitigation plan until March 2022; months AFTER the comment period expired. However, the current draft Decision Notice and Final Environmental Assessment (to mitigate the increased wildfire risk of the proposed above-ground APS power line), NOW rely on this plan.

Third, the project documents do not consider the important **new** Stewardship Agreement between the State of AZ and the USDA Forest Service SW Region, signed October 10, 2024, whereby the Forest Service agreed to new policy objectives & specific instructions to "Manage risk across broad landscapes for improved fire suppression **prevention capabilities, by helping communities in the wildland urban interface mitigate wildfire impact** by ... maintaining resilient landscapes, create fire-adapted communities and ... authorities and programs that require prioritization of ... vulnerable communities will be considered when managing these risks."

Further, the Forest Service failed to acknowledge its' own critical information, such as its own rating that the VOC and Sedona areas are at **"very high risk" of wildfire**. Compounded by the lack of viable evacuation roads in these areas, this is the perfect set up for the destruction of property and lives in a mass casualty wildfire event. Make no mistake that moving forward with the proposed high-powered lines above ground is nothing short of a time-bomb.

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