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Sent: Sunday, March 2, 2025 9:52 PM
To: FS-objections-southwestern-regional-office
Subject: APS Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV Transmission Line Project on the Coconino National Forest

Dear Regional Forester Martin:

I am writing to object to the above-referenced project in the Coconino National Forest. I am submitting my objection based on new information not available during the previous comment period, which I understand ended January 14, 2022.

After the end of the comment period ending in 2022, the Forest Service has published a rating, with fire risk maps, showing that the Village of Oak Creek and Sedona are at “very high risk” of wildfire (<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwildfirerisk.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cobjections-southwestern-regional-office%40usda.gov%7C1042a018b7734239138d08dd5a0f1e8b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1%7C0%7C638765743163572038%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIiIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFBpCisldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=u76M2%2B6PcpU8KG8Y3gJyd%2FdbkYINtoRpsv0011xURM%3D&reserved=0>). The project documents did not consider this rating of how at-risk our communities are.

The Forest Service unfortunately 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. All one has to do to understand the “pay now or pay later” concept is to see the devastation caused by the wildfires in California over the past number of years. The investment in putting the transmission lines underground is worth not having the risk of deaths, making hundreds of people homeless, not to mention the lawsuits where an above ground transmission line is a contributory factor in causing a wildfire.

There is simply no justification not to build the transmission lines underground throughout the entire project. Doing so will mitigate any wildfire risk, maintain the pristine and spectacular scenery, and property values of the residents of this gorgeous area.

Thank you for considering our views.

Dolores and John Carr
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Sent from my iPad