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

March 2, 2025

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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.

Crucial information was not disclosed to the public during the comment period. For example, the Draft Decision Notice claims that the wildfire risk created by the above-ground line near the Village of Oak Creek would be mitigated based on an APS "Comprehensive Fire Mitigation Plan." That plan was not available to the public until March 2022, which was after the comment period closed. We did not have a chance to assess whether the APS plan, which was written by the same company that would build the powerline, provides adequate or appropriate mitigation measures to reduce wildlife risk. This is unacceptable.

Please bury these wires into the Village of Oak Creek.

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