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Hello,

I'm writing to formally oppose the addition of new ABOVE GROUND power lines proposed by APS. This pertains to the 13.7 mile 69kV high-voltage power transmission line from McGuireville to the Village of Oak Creek on Coconino National Forest land, 6 miles of which are to be built above ground.

This above ground power line presents an increase to wildfire risk in an area that is already at high risk of wildfire. The Forest Service confirmed that this power line will contribute a "long-term increase in wildfire ignition risk that previously was not present."

Persistent drought and rising temperatures make conditions ripe for fire in the VOC and Sedona. As we've seen recently in California, wildfires move quickly, destroy with

impunity, and take lives.

The Western Fire Chiefs Association advises putting power lines underground, and I agree; APS must build the power line underground.

- Any avoidable increase in wildfire risk is unacceptable; SAFETY FIRST
- Put all future power lines UNDERGROUND
- Preserve the beauty of the area and avoid the long-term increase in wildfire ignition risk
- APS will benefit from underground lines by avoiding wildfire risks AND benefiting from long-term maintenance savings

I am unable to attend my local meeting on February 19, 2025 to protest this power line proposal and make my opinion heard. Please consider this message my official opposition to above-ground power lines and support for underground power lines.

Thank you,
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