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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

I have been heavily engaged in this project for the last two years. I have sat on an Advisory Group Committee associated with the Town of Minturn, in that capacity I have spoken at the HCE Board Meeting and County Commissioners Mangers Meeting.

I was blind sided that this project is now open for public comment. 8 months ago, HCE committed to working with both the benefiting municipalities, from Vail to Gypsum, and the County to explore additional funding measures. They have been radio silent in that effort.

I support electric redundancy, but firmly believe this is a county wide issue and should not fall on the shoulders of the Town of Minturn to accept all the risk. Minturn is one of the most vulnerable communities for fire risk and economic growth. This project hurts the Town with no benefit to the 1100 residents.

I am shocked that HCE has been allowed to move this project forward without public meetings for other neighboring communities impacted by this project. Specifically, Eagle-Vail and the Homestake Peak School (HPS) communities.

I hope the Forest Service sees the faults with the plan, clearly outlined in HCE's own words under the issues, and sends this project back to the drawing board so it can be addressed collectively across the County.

Kindly,

Amanda Mire