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Comments: I am concerned about the negative impacts the proposed 115kv transmission line will have on Minturn and surrounding areas. In 2003 I purchased a home in south Minturn. I appreciate the beauty and nature of our little town and the river. Over the years, we have seen a decline in elk that used to frequent Cross Creek and the cliffs above the shooting range. Additionally we have had a recent increase in fires in this same area. I fear this power line will only further exasperate these issues.

Last summer, I hiked Mt. Sherman for the first time. I was shocked to see enormous transmission lines running for miles across the mountain. These behemoth structures contrast horribly with the back country. Placed along the Eagle River corridor, they will have a similar negative effect for users of Meadow Mountain, Grouse, Game Creek, and Two Elk trails.

As a home owner in south Minturn, I am very concerned where the buried line will transition above ground. A raised wire will diminish our property values and increase the potential for wildfires. The residents of Minturn have made it clear through recent surveys and town decisions: We want to preserve the character, beauty and charm of our town. We want to protect the wildlife and our resources. While I appreciate HCE increasing the buried line length to 3 miles, I fear it is not enough.