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Comments: This comment is in regards to the Holy Cross Energy Avon-to-Gilman Electric Transmission Line. I and my family do not support this proposal in any way. I am shocked that this is even something that would be considered by the NFS. The four numbered issues that are directly sighted in the proposed action document are enough to realize that this proposal should not be entertained as presented. Similar proposals have been presented to other municipalities in Colorado and not surprisingly they have shot it down, thus causing the entire line to be buried underground. This line does not benefit our town of Minturn in the least, yet we would carry the burden of any consequence that may arise from it. There is no reasonable excuse that this entire transmission line should not and can not be buried underground! All of the issues below would most likely disappear if the line was buried!

Issue #1: The project may increase diminish the visual quality of the Minturn area, including Dowd Junction/Minturn Gateway, Mountain Meadow, local trails, Top of the Rockies Scenic Byway, and the town of Minturn itself.

Response...To say the least! The size of the poles indicated are massive and would be completely unable to be ignored.

Issue #2: The project may increase the risk of wildfire in the areas it is proposed to cross. Alternatively, the powerline may be placed in locations where it is susceptible to wildfire from potential ignition sources, such as the Minturn Shooting Range.

Response...This is probably the most important issue raised. We should be all be in the business of increasing fire mitigation, not creating more possibilities for fire hazards in an already high-risk fire danger area.

Issue #3: The project may change the occurrence of electromagnetic fields.

Response...There is plenty of science out there that discusses this. Stand under some of these large scale transmission lines and you can hear them buzz! To think that they are not harming our bodies in some way. If it was all buried, we wouldn't have this problem.

Issue #4: The project may impact developed and dispersed recreation uses.

Response...Once again, if the entire line was buried, this would not be an issue.