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Comments: APS has several power lines within the Upper Verde River area included in the Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study.

APS requests that the planning process consider the need to operate and maintain APS infrastructure in this area. Maintenance includes accessing and working on towers and poles as well as maintaining vegetation around the towers, poles, and line to ensure safe and reliable electricity transmission.

APS looks forward to continuing to work with USFS to ensure that our operation and maintenance activities meet or exceed all environmental requirements. Please contact APS with any questions or comments.

Thank you.