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Comments: I do not support the widening of the power line row. I remember the impact Duke left the last time the way went through ad did major work in that same corridor. They used atvs on our non motorized trails and made a significant impact on the area. Widening the corridor does nothing but stand to make a larger impact on some of the most iconic trails in the forest. Significantly increasing tree removal will also have a substantial environmental impact in an area that already has significant runoff and erosion issues. I do not believe they have the capability or the willingness to do things in a careful and thoughtful manner unlike our local trail builders who take great care in any tree that is pruned or removed. They are not concerned about the beauty and sustainability of the forest which should be the main concern. I appreciate their desire to make maintenance and reliability of the power lines better, but Duke has not proven themselves in the past and widening of the existing corridor is not something I want to see in our beloved forest.