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Comments: I have concerns about water tables, groundwater flows, overburden runoff, and water quality baselines for nearby streams and the Poteau River. All should be addressed in the NEPA plan.

A portion of the "private" listed in the proposal overlays part of the Cherokee WMA by at least two square miles. The NEPA plan should consider WMA impact in addition to USFS impact.

The power line easement and accompanying service road will extend 3.7 miles over Forest Service and Cherokee Wildlife Management Area land, climbing an elevation of more than 1,500 ft. The base of operations are located on the valley floor within one mile of AR Hwy 28 and a rail line. The NEPA plan needs to justify the disturbance and herbicidal maintenance required of USFS and WMA lands, given the proximity of existing infrastructure.

Most importantly, the coal is not intended for domestic use but will be transported overseas for "coking." In addition to the CO<sub>2</sub> impacts of the coal and its transport, the mine will produce significant methane, also a significant greenhouse gas. The NEPA plan should consider USFS policy in reference to the Forest Service Strategic Framework for Responding to Climate Change.