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Comments: I oppose the widening of the transmission line.

While I understand the need for safety and fire suppression in wild areas, the widening of this transmission right of way will negatively impact the forest and those that use the forest, without actually preventing or limiting fire or other safety issues.

The current 50ft cooridor is not currently maintained for fire suppression and is choked with brush and vegetation. Adding another 50ft will make it even MORE difficult to maintain therefore making MORE of a fire risk... more brush = more fire. If you cannot maintain 50ft correctly, how will Duke maintain 100ft?!?!

Having large mature, fire resistant trees is better for fire supression than another 50ft of dried up brush.

Also... Invasive plants tend to thrive in areas that have had native trees and plants removed so adding another 50ft of open, sunlit forest floor will only encourage privette, honeysuckle, and other invasives to thrive and spread.

The scope does not meet the need so the project should not be approved.

Maintain the current 50ft better for better access, do more controlled burns to reduce fuel loads and invasives and this project does not need to happen.

Thank you.