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Comments: I am opposed to the Hermosa Project in the Patagonia Mountains for many reasons. This comment will be focused on the transmission line issues that concern me.

Southern Arizona has very hot, dry and windy weather. The landscape is quick to burn in the dry seasons which are only getting hotter and drier due to climate change. The fact that this transmission line isn't automatically going to be buried is insane.

I'm assuming cost is the reason that it won't be buried? First of all, how do you put a price on people's lives and property? The wildfires that are going to happen will destroy lives and cost much more than the money that should be spent to prevent such tragedies. Shame on the ACC for approving this permit but the USFS should step in and stop it. Why isn't South 32 paying for this? They're the ones that want it so they should pay for it. Who will be held accountable when wildfires tear through our county? Anyone? Or will we be left alone to pick up the pieces? Is UniSource going to take responsibility and deal with all of the lawsuits that occur? Or should the USFS be held responsible since you're approving the Hermosa Project? The line is going to cross the Santa Cruz River in Rico which is also insane. How many birds will be killed because of this line? How many trees will be cut down? How many tourist dollars will be lost because of the ugly lines and poles?

This transmission line is another disaster waiting to happen and the agencies that are supposed to protect the people, animals, homes and landscapes of Arizona are failing us. Please think about the future of our county and the people who love it so much and stop this insanity before we have a huge tragedy on our hands.

This process needs to be slowed down and we need more time to look a the Hermosa Project POO before we are required to comment. At the very least, the POO needs to be released in Spanish. This comment period needs to be extended to 90 days. There is too much at stake here to rush this through.