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Comments: I Oppose and I am against the proposal to widen the power lines.

This wont do anything to prevent wild fires, invasives plants, or any of the negative things the project hopes to prevent or reduce.

Mature forests prevent fires more than dense understory brush (the plants the currently live and thrive in the ROW). Fire prevention would be better served by cutting the current ROW more and reducing current fuel loads... not adding more by widening it.

Invasive plants thrive and spread when natives are removed. Cutting the ROW another 50 feet will only invite non-native and invasive plants into that space... defeating the goal of this project.

The current ROW cuts an unnattractive scar across a beautiful national forest. We absolutely need electricity but making this ROW wider will reduce the beauty and "wilderness" feel to the area.

Presuming the workers will use existing trails to access the ROW (Club Gap, Avery Creek, etc), this could potentiall cause permanent and long term damage to trails that volunteers have spent countless hours and dollars on to maintain and keep sustainable. Driving a backhoe up a narrow mountain trail will cause more environemental damage and make these recreational opportunities less sustainable causing more harm and damage to the forest environment.

The Scope and Goals are easily accomplished by simply maintaining the current ROW better and cutting it more often, and you wont need to widen it...