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Comments: As a community member I write to oppose the Los Alamos National Laboratory Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade Project Final EA in all its parts. The Caja del Rio site belongs to all sectors of our community, including local residents and our sovereign tribal peoples, as well as visitors use it in its current condition, along with animal and plant inhabitants of the area that is would be disturbed by this project.

No one user, in this case LANL, should be granted a special claim to disrupt and destroy, such a large section of the Caja del Rio as is proposed here. Most particular, is that a large investment would be made to site a major electrical transmission line through this terrain at a time when the our entire system of electrical energy production is being redesigned to bring renewable production systems on line. Many of these can be sited closer to the end user, thereby reducing the need for long distance transmission. Further, much research is currently being conducted in new alternatives for electricity production and backup storage that could in the future offer even more locally based options. This is not the time to invest in a destructive transmission project through a sensitive geographic area.

Please go back to the drawing board and present to our community other options to that will protect our landscape and address the Los Alamos power needs.