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Comments: I am fervently against approving the proposal for above ground power sources. My reasons include the growing number of devastating wildfires that have been found to be started by PG&E power poles. The Paradise and Camp Fires destroyed many homes and resulted in the loss of over 40 lives. The Lahaina Fire was found to be caused by Hawaii Electric power poles. Recently, the Altadena Fire was witnessed by firefighters, police, and residents to be started by flashes followed by fires at the bases of high voltage transmission lines near Altadena and Eaton. The extremely high winds were also a factor in some of these fires which resulted in scores of lost lives.

I've lived in the Village of Oak Creek and am very aware that we are also susceptible to high winds and drought conditions.

It is my sincere hope that with these recent disastrous fire and climate change, this proposal will be denied.

In closing, I would like to commend our fine Forest Service for their continued mitigation efforts, such as controlled burns. I have established a defensible space around our home. It's a privilege to live here and I hope we can keep our environment free of runaway forest fires for many years to come.