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Comments: I recently came across this project and just attended the public meeting 2/19/2025.

I object strongly to the overhead portions on the lines, especially the Beaver/179 to VOC.

My main concerns are part of the reasons why I chose VOC/Sedona to move to 1) natural beauty of the area - which overhead lines would impair. 2) Fire hazards and Fire insurance issues: I moved from California to Arizona 2 years ago and part of the decision was the extreme increases in Fire insurance and constant fire hazards every summer/fall. The Butte and Electra fires were devastating to the area and the Electra fire was due to a PG&E power line [see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electra\\_Fire\\_\(2022\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electra_Fire_(2022)).] The policy to shut power off during high winds was a poorly executed idea (e.g. loss of cold food storage, use of septic systems, some loss of life due to medical equipment/respirators dying out, in some cases the wind was not above level in the area but power was shut.. sometimes for days - good luck getting a generator with half the counties trying to purchase, not even to mention the safety and environmental issues with thousands of gas/propane generators running in the same dry forest areas). Most if not all these issues are totally avoided by going underground, which is what even the CFS has as a 'standard' for keeping the parks scenic.

I am greatly concerned as I learned at the Public Meetings (which the CFS and APS representatives did not attend), that there has been a consistent lack of community communication and response to the concerns of the local citizens and the Pig Park Committee and the failure to respond and comply with the FOIA requests.

As this project progresses I hope there is more communication between the parties involved and the "reports" do not follow the seemingly current pattern of fitting the justifications with the project Draft, when it appears alternatives have not been given proper consideration.

/s Brian Koski