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Comments: I submitted an objection back in October 2021 regarding the APS Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV Transmission Line Project and wish to reiterate my continued concern with the proposed above ground electric line section of the project. My concerns remain and have since escalated because of the tragic California wildfires and based on additional options that were not made available in 2021. Specifically:

1. The Environmental Assessment from 2021 lacked adequate alternatives which violates the National Environmental Policy Act. For example, an underground power option along Highway 179 and Beaverhead Flat Road is feasible and would eliminate the wildfire risk but the Forest Services excluded this route from consideration and did not develop it as an alternative.
2. Crucial information was not made available to the public during the prior comment period. For example, the Draft Decision Notice claims that wildfire risk created by above ground lines near the VOC would be mitigated based on an APS "Comprehensive Fire Mitigation Plan". That mitigation plan was not available to the public until after the comment period closed.
3. The Forest Service failed to consider information critical to making an informed decision, such as its own rating of the VOC and Sedona as at "very high risk" of wildfire.

Running any portion of the project above ground is reckless and puts our community, and lives, at risk. Please continue the pursuit of running all lines underground.