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Comments: I am writing in opposition of the Draft Decision by the Coconino National Forest (CNF) Supervisor to allow APS to build an overhead transmission line through an area that is the scenic entrance to Sedona's red rocks.

This same area is a very high wind corridor that has been deemed by the AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management as an extreme fire risk. Sedona is already at a 96% higher risk of fire than the rest of the US, according to First Street (formerly Risk Factor). Compounding this risk by building a new above ground transmission line into the Village of Oak Creek (VOC) that has only 2 roads in and out is creating the potential for a catastrophic loss of life and property. The Edison Electric Institute and PG&E have estimated that an underground line is 20x less likely to start a fire than an overhead line.

As a homeowner in VOC, I do not oppose the reliability enhancements to the local electrical grid. However, the proposed above ground power lines create the potential for catastrophic fire risk. In addition, these lines greatly impact Sedona's tourist industry. Notably, transmission lines in high fire risk areas are now frequently being shut down for days at a time during periods of high wind due to Public Safety Power Shutoffs, which could result in a decrease in electric reliability in VOC.

CNF also radically overestimated the costs of other alternatives for enhancing reliability in VOC and McGuireville such as utility-scale batteries, which could provide power during outages and reduce APS operating costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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