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Comments: Dear US Forest Service representative,

We live at 20 Palomino Drive in the Village of Oak Creek, just south of Sedona. Our property abuts the Coconino National Forest and is approximately 200 meters from the Kel Fox Trail, along which the proposed ABOVE GROUND, HIGH VOLTAGE electrical lines would be installed.

We are VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to this project for numerous reasons:

1.First and foremost - WILDFIRE potential. ABOVE GROUND, HIGH VOLTAGE power lines have recently been implicated in the initiation of several hugely destructive wildfires in California. Our home, our neighbors' homes and our community would have a greatly heightened level of risk for destruction by wildfire should these ABOVE GROUND, HIGH VOLTAGE lines be erected. SOLUTION: Mandate that the lines be buried UNDERGROUND.

2.Negative effect on our property value. The proposed erection of 600 ' towers and high voltage lines in the direct view of our backyard will definitely change the appeal of the view of Indian Lookout mesa from our yard.

Additionally, the higher threat of wildfire would effect the value of the house, as well a potentially the cost of or our ability to obtain homeowner's insurance. SOLUTION: Mandate that the lines be buried UNDERGROUND.

3.Preservation of the beauty of the National Forest. Hiking and biking in the beauty of the red rocks is why hundreds of thousands of visitors come to our area. The Kel Fox Trail is a designated trail in the Coconino National Forest. We, and many other residents, along with throngs of tourists, walk this trail on a regular basis for its beauty, peacefulness and convenience. The gas line that was run along the trail was caringly placed underground. This provided a level of safety while also preserving the beauty of the forest. Erecting ABOVE GROUND, HIGH VOLTAGE towers along the Kel Fox Trail and to Beaverhead Flat Road would destroy the allure of this trail. SOLUTION: Mandate that the lines be buried UNDERGROUND.

During the 3 years we have lived on this property, we have NOT experienced unplanned power outages that have lasted a significant period of time or disrupted our daily routine. We have not seen any evidence that long, disruptive power outages occur on a regular basis. While we are not totally opposed to the addition of a duplicative power system, we are OPPOSED to any ABOVE GROUND, HIGH VOLTAGE lines being erected as part of this project.

We are also quite curious about what incentives were promised to the Forest Service to have the go along with this dangerous and destructive plan.

Sincerely,

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