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Comments: Dear Regional Forester Martin,

As residents here in VOC for 20 years, we are writing this notification to strongly object to the APS Oak Creek-McGuireville 69kV Transmission Line Project/Coconino National Forest.

The home we currently live in has APS's 45ft poles directly behind our home so we already live with possible fire danger. We also own a lot at the end of Diamond Sky of which we had plans to build a new home and now that lot will also be threatened by a 69kV transmission line that will be very close to what would be our new residence.

Looking at the new data that has been presented we now realize that the above ground transmission lines will be placed in a high fire danger area and will also be subjected to high and extreme winds that go through the Kel Fox saddle, frequently in excess of 50 mph on average.

The completion of these transmission lines will also greatly increase costs of any fire insurance and decrease the value of our properties. Notwithstanding, it will also detract from the natural beauty of the Kel Fox area which was our motivation in buying our lot in the first place. Unfortunately, we believed that forestry would always protect and preserve the natural beauty of this Kel Fox trail area based on your own mandate, but apparently we were wrong.

We are asking you to reconsider your pending approval for any above ground transmission lines and to either bury all transmission lines or to abandon the transmission line project all together. APS's desire for redundancy in its transmission lines is unwarranted and unnecessary and we are of the opinion after speaking to our friends and neighbors that most of the residents in the VOC are willing to have an occasional black out rather than to risk a fire catastrophe.

Thank you for your consideration.