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Comments: I object strongly to the proposed APS Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV project for the following reasons:

It will greatly increase the fire hazard in the area, and reduce the ability to counter the spread of a fire by wind due to being above ground. Power lines below ground would solve this problem. It will also adversely affect the scenic integrity of this uniquely beautiful tourist area. Above ground power lines would also lower home values in this area. This would also greatly increase insurance costs for businesses and homeowners. An above ground power line also violates the National Environmental Policy Act.

Please support the citizens of the Village of Oak Creek and hold both APS and the Forest Service accountable. The Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV Transmission Line Project must be abandoned unless all power lines are buried. The Village of Oak Creek is a federally designated region of scenic importance on the border of protected national forest areas. This unique area attracts millions of visitors each year and is home to more than 6,000 citizens who respect and treasure the natural environs. I urge you to support our mission to keep our community free from irresponsible choices made by APS and the Forest Service regarding the proposed high transmission power lines in our wildfire-vulnerable, scenic community. Thank you.