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Comments: I strongly object to the proposed APS Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV project. Following are some of my objections:

The proposed above ground power lines will greatly increase the danger of fires in the area. Power lines below ground would dramatically reduce such danger. It will also adversely affect the scenic integrity of this uniquely attractive area. Visible power lines and their towers would also detract from the beauty of the area and lower home values. This would severely increase insurance costs for homeowners and businesses. Additionally, above ground power lines violate the National Environmental Policy Act.

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 the home of over 6,000 citizens who value and respect the natural environment. I urge you to support our mission to keep our community free from irresponsible and potentially catastrophic choices made by APS and the Forest Service regarding the proposed high transmission power lines in our wildfire-vulnerable, scenic community. 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.