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Comments: I OPPOSE this project for several reasons.

Widening the corridor will not improve the reliability of the electric grid since it currently does not have an issue. My electricity is carried over those same high transmission lines through the forest and I have not had any power issues due to those lines in my time living here. Any power issues were always local to my street or local sub-station.

A wider corridor will also increase and expand the presence of non-native and invasive plants and their spread since the current corridor is full of them and is not being maintained.

This will also create an ugly scar on a beautiful mountain landscape that takes away from the natural beauty of our region. Tourists don't spend money on hotel rooms and air bnb's to see clear-cutting.

There are many other ways to improve the reliability of the electrical grid without cutting this ROW so wide.

Maintain the current ROW and help improve both the electrical grid AND keep Pisgah beautiful...