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Comments: Hello. I am writing to express support for the new electrical line project from Avon to Gilman, noting that such upgrades seem necessary to support our growing Valley and needs of residents.

I would further like to support the burial of ALL electrical lines in the Avon and Minturn areas, all areas of residential and school proximity for many reasons.

First, any above ground line presents a level of wildfire risk which this community is extremely exposed to. Adding any additional risk, or hindering prevention and mitigation of wildfire anywhere in Eagle County is absurd and must be avoided at all cost.

Homestake Peak school must be protected and maintained as a vital staging area for helicopters and all forms of wildfire mitigation.

This and many communities around the country are endeavoring to bury existing power lines due to esthetic and safety concerns. To add new lines above ground is short-sighted and dangerous and must be avoided.

Thank you for considering my comments and those of many others who believe these new lines must be buried! It will only cost more to bury them in the future!

Thank you,
Patrick Barrett