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Comments: Dear Responsible Official,

I respectfully submit this comment regarding the proposed Avon-Gilman 115-kV transmission line under Project?57224.

I am a resident of EagleVail and the mother of two children who attend Homestake Peak K-8 School. I strongly oppose the installation of the electric transmission line as currently proposed.

My primary concern is safety:

* Proximity to our school and children's routes: The proposed overhead segment through local National Forest System lands places high-voltage infrastructure uncomfortably close to areas where our children walk, play, and commute daily. Any fault, failure, or severe weather event (e.g., lightning strike, ice loading, or downed lines) could directly endanger their safety.

* Risk of unpredictable incidents: Even with modern construction and maintenance, power lines can pose hazards like falling debris, electrical arcing, or accidental contact. Such incidents[mdash]though rare[mdash]are unacceptable risks when the lives and well-being of children are potentially at stake.

* Long-term exposure concerns: A 50-year permit for this line means prolonged exposure to potential risk, both during construction and throughout the structure's operational lifespan. As a parent, I am uncomfortable with infrastructure that has even a remote chance of compromising safety for decades to come.

Given these risks, I urge the Forest Service to reconsider alternatives that minimize exposure to our children and community[mdash]such as routing farther from school areas, increasing the buried (underground) portions, or adjusting the alignment to reduce risk zones near heavily trafficked pedestrian routes.

Thank you for considering my concern. I appreciate the opportunity to comment and the thoughtful review your team is conducting.

Sincerely,

Katie Haas

Resident of EagleVail, Colorado

Parent of Homestake Peak K-8 School Students