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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Glaspell, Please accept this comment letter on the proposed Holy Cross Energy Avon-to-Gilman 115-kV Transmission Line. I am an EagleVail resident that lives 0.6 mile from the proposed transmission tower near Homestake Peak School. I write to express my opposition. We are facing extreme climate change conditions resulting in almost zero property insurance options due to wildfire risks. Our insurance doubled this year and there is no guarantee of renewal next year. This project poses a significant health and safety risk to people, animals, property, and other infrastructure, mainly due to increased risk of wildfire. It also has visual impacts, noise impacts, right-of-way conflicts, and compromises the current quality of life in our community overall. As such, the only safe way to proceed is with underground electrical lines. This is the modern and preferred way of expanding the electrical service grid, and the additional costs are worth the protection of our mountain valley.