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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to object to this project. I represent the 27 Units of the Minturn Towne Homes located in the Town of Minturn. Some part of the pathway will be underground in Minturn. But other pathways will be above ground between EagleVail and Avon. I am totally opposed to this proposal.

As the Vail Daily article stated:

"Homestake Peak School is currently the staging area for wildfire response efforts in the upper Eagle River and Gore Creek valleys, something that would likely change if the transmission lines are run above ground near the school."

"When those transmission lines go in, they can no longer do helicopters into HPS, it takes away our staging area - this most up-valley staging area - and it pushes us down into the Avon and Edwards area for fire staging, and that is a big deal when you're talking about getting the town of Vail and the town of Minturn out on one single pathway."

Above ground transmission lines are not only dangerous and proven to be the cause of several devastating fires in California, but they are unsightly and make a terrible noise that disturbs people and animals.

In my opinion this is an unnecessary project as just how many hours in a given year is this backup power really needed? If it must proceed any transmission lines between EagleVail and Avon should also be underground to allow for the wildfire response staging area at HPS, and to help prevent wildfires in our community like those that have plagued the Western United States.