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Comments: The Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact reveals the "final" alignment of the proposed powerline. In preparation for a scheduled Feb 19,2025 meeting sponsored by Big Park Council in the Village of Oak Creek, the actual location was marked. The marked location does not follow the current APS easement across the property of the Las Piedras Homeowners Association. The Association will not modify the current easement unless it is moved to the westerly side of Jack's Canyon wash, increases the distance from the Townhomes on the East side, and is preferably buried. Changing the alignment will affect the portions of the power line from the substation to the RT 179 crossing. The marked location is in the Las Piedras pool parking lot and is unacceptable. Construction of the powerline also requires access across Las Pledras property which will require written agreements with the Association and will not be allowed for the currently planned locations. The easements are recorded in Yavapai County land records. We recognize that these are privately held land and not subject to USFS control. Nonetheless they can significantly affect the USFS assessments. The views of residents of the Las Piedras community are no less important than USFS considerations for the public. It is also anticipated that property values will be significantly reduced by the increased height and visibility of the power lines.

The attached file from the Salt River Project indicates cost per mile for 69KV lines at 3.5 million per mile, significantly lower than APS estimates. Any cost comparisons in the USFS studies are likely invalid if they have used the extremely higher APS estimates vs these SRP estimates.