

Below is a sample letter:

Comment to: The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Regarding: SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, Environmental Impact Statement

Please include these comments in the Scoping phase of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project process:

1) PROJECT GOAL AND NEED. I favor the replacement of electrical generation from fossil fuel sources with electrical generation from renewable sources in the Southwest, but only if the large energy markets in this region are also subject to rigorous conservation standards. I do not favor simply adding more energy production to compensate for growth and the lack of energy efficiency. Thus, I only favor the goal of this project if it is carried out in the context of rigorous residential and commercial energy conservation programs promoted by the Southwest Area Transmission Group and the power companies who would benefit from the SunZia Southwest project.

2) OBJECTION TO THE ROUTE THROUGH THE ARAVAIPA WILDERNESS REGION. It is unacceptable to route this project through the Aravaipa region wilderness areas, which include the wildlife connections associated with the Aravaipa, Santa Teresa, and Galiuro Wilderness areas, as well as the connections to the Graham Mountains. These wildlife corridors have been documented by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and others. Much of the proposed "preferred route" in this area has never had an infrastructure corridor, and much of it has never even had a dirt road. There are alternative routes that already have the impact of roads and infrastructure. Running these power lines and the associated service road through the Aravaipa region is not necessary and is contrary to the conservation aspect of the Renewable Energy Standards. It sends the wrong corporate and governmental message to invade our dwindling wilderness areas with major infrastructure projects, while claiming to pursue "green" goals, particularly when alternative routes are available.

3) REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES. As an alternative to the routes that pass through the wildlife corridor connecting the Aravaipa Wilderness Area with the Galiuro Wilderness Area, I favor choosing a route that already has an existing access road and an existing infrastructure corridor.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Withhold personal information?    yes    no

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