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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to add my name to the list of those who oppose the Sunrise Powerlink Project. My concerns are many:

1. Fire Danger - - The fire danger from overhead electric lines and the delays and difficulty of fire fighting in and around those lines is a real and constant concern in our fire prone location. The cost of under grounding lines is minimal compared to the cost of rebuilding homes and lives. The cost of loss of life is incalculable.

2. Environmental Impact

- * Air pollution
- * The danger to people, animals and birds from power fields given off by overhead wires.
- * Damage to the terrain due to the construction of access roads, substations and towers.
- * Visual pollution of the large towers.
- * Loss of and destruction to habitats for birds, wildlife, plants, trees, grasses and wildflowers.
- * Erosion of hillsides after construction equipment has torn up the native plants and grasses.
- * The loss of the beauty, peace and solitude of the back country.


3. Financial Impact

- *The loss in tourist revenue. Why should people from the city come to the desert and mountains to take in the view of a destroyed landscape and electrical towers?
- * Loss to private landowners and ranchers due to lower property values, harm to livestock and the loss of use of their land where easements are created and/or expanded.
- * No recoverable cost to customers/rate payers at a time when most consumers are already stretched to their financial limits. Why must we pay for outdated 19th Century technology?
- * The loss and destruction of protected lands that have been set aside in perpetuity; i.e. State Parks, National forest and BLM lands.

From my observations and reading regarding the Sunrise Powerlink Project, it appears the only ones to benefit from this project are those who stand to make a profit.

Please respect the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Vote NO on this damaging project that threatens the quality of our lives and the world our children will inherit.

Sincerely,


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