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Subject: Fwd: Sunrise Powerlink Access Road Observations, Cleveland National Forest

I am in opposition to any construction of the Sunrise Powerlink in Cleveland National Forest(CNF). I explored the Southern route this weekend which is commonly known as "the environmentally superior route". This route, or any in the CNF will devastate the local streams and waterways. Specific to this route is the Sweetwater River. The Sweetwater river was where the 4 endangered native Steelhead were captured that until recently resided at the Chula Vista Nature Center. This letter and pictures is to show how SDG&E maintains their current network of powerline roads in the Cleveland National Forest(CNF). I am concerned that the new access roads this line would require will introduce a tremendous amount of soil erosion. These pictures are of the powerline access road graded last month along Alternative D of the Sunrise Powerlink. This stretch of road is by my guess 500 yards long and angled into Boulder Creek with not a single erosion control measure on it. The loose dirt is 2-8 inches deep. All of this dirt will wash into Boulder Creek this winter. As it does every year. SDG&E does nothing to stop it. The Native Steelhead and turtles shown in earlier comment letters(the same critters survey biologist didn't find in the survey) will all have to contend with this erosion. If SDG&E expands it's powerline and access road network in the CNF the erosion factor will go through the roof. The current network of roads have no erosion control. This is in violation of all sorts of current laws. A property owner would face all sorts of litigation and fines if they graded and maintained their property the way SDG&E does on current roads in the CNF. SDG&E should not be allowed to make any more roads or powerlines on our public lands and effecting or waterways. SDG&E cannot take care of the roads they have at this time and that should be proof they do not need to build any more.

Questions I have:

1. What will be done to control erosion problems already occurring on SDG&E access roads in the CNF. Specifically Boulder Creek, Ceder Creek, and the San Diego river(alternative D route)?
2. What will be done to control erosion in the future if The Sunrise Powerlink is built?
3. Are there any studies to show how much silt is washed in these drainage's by SDG&E access roads with no erosion control measures in place?
4. Has the Sweetwater River been properly surveyed for Native Steelhead? Has the organization, Sandiegotrout.org been asked to participate in native trout surveying? (They are the local experts on native trout and are the ones who found them in various creeks along the Sunrise Powerlink proposed routes.)
5. As shown in my pictures, SDG&E and it's contractors are leaking oil onto the CNF with their equipment. What will be done to stop this, correct this, and mitigate the damage they are causing and will cause with the Sunrise Powerlink?

Summery of pictures:

1. Loose dirt 2-8 inches deep along existing access roads.
2. Powerline road. 500 yards approx, no erosion controls. 200 foot oil leak shown in center of road.
3. Red flag showing boundary either side of Boulder Creek. These red flags are do not bulldoze areas along waterways. Note soil below. Loose soil 2-8 inches deep.
4. Overview of Boulder Creek crossing Alternative D area. See Grading past red Markers and no erosion control or effort to stop silting in this creek. Not shown is the oak tree to my right with large gash where SDG&E Bulldozer crashed into a 4 foot diameter oak tree 1 month ago.

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> Subject: Emailing: P8240151 (disturbed earth, 2-8 inches powder, no erosion control. Boulder creek crossing, 15 ft south)
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> From: nathan weflen <nweflen@yahoo.com>
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> From: nathan weflen <nweflen@yahoo.com>
> Subject: Emailing: P8240140("survey markers to keep bulldozer out of Boulder Creek. Note loose soil below. approx 15 ft from Boulder Creek. No erosion control.)
> To: nweflen@yahoo.com
> Date: Sunday, August 24, 2008, 7:28 PM
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> From: nathan weflen <nweflen@yahoo.com>
> Subject: Emailing: P8240134(Boulder Creek crossing. note do not bulldoze markers(red, left side) no erosion control. 2-8 inches loose powder)
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> Date: Sunday, August 24, 2008, 7:32 PM
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