

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Tom Engels
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Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative

Dear Dr. Engels,

We've just spent a great deal of time, effort and money to make SYR as safe from wildfire that originates outside our perimeter as possible. Unfortunately, a fire that starts inside the ranch will not be as easy to deal with due to our steep and heavily wooded terrain. Santa Ysabel Ranch is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. Both the Camp Fire in Nov. 2018 (that burned Paradise) and the Kincade Fire in Oct. 2019 were determined to have been caused by PG&E transmission line. Please don't put us further at risk by allowing this route to proceed.

We are lucky, because of our low density, to be home to a number of threatened wildlife species. There are several Golden Eagle nests on SYR. We have photos of young in the nests for 4 of the past 5 years. Construction of the lines on S. River is estimated to take 9 months. The eagles may be killed due to electrocution / collision with the power lines.

For the sake of our safety and that of our wildlife, please do not put a transmission line along South River Road.

Regards,

