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Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton – S. River Route Alternative

Dear Dr. Engels,

First and foremost, I oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reasons:

1. I am a resident of Santa Ysabel Ranch, which is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. S. River Road is also completely contained within the High Fire Hazard Zone. The transmission lines for this project would be attached to 20 steel poles running along the inside of the white fence bordering the eastern side of Santa Ysabel Road. A pair of poles would also flank our beautiful entry gate. They would be at least 80' high and 4' wide. Not only is this ugly, but these lines would substantially increase the already high fire danger of this area. The beauty of Santa Ysabel Ranch would be permanently scarred. Our property value would certainly be negatively affected.
2. The transmission line noted above will greatly increase our risk of fire. PG&E transmission lines have been determined to cause both the Camp Fire in 2018 and the Kincade Fire in 2019. These are the same type of lines being considered for the S. River Road Project. Santa Ysabel Ranch contains many oak trees and dry grasses which is ideal fuel for a raging fire. Another fire caused by PG&E at this location would spread quickly and cause much destruction and possibly the lives of our neighbors.
3. The S. River Road Alternative (SE-PLR-2) and the Templeton substation sit entirely within the High Fire Hazard Zone. This is the only route combination that is fully within the High Fire Hazard Zone. Why is this option even being discussed? Is this to help Paso Robles? If so, put it near where their growth is expected. Templeton has no capacity for substantial commercial or residential growth. Our residents should not have to face dangerous fire related events in order to support growth for other communities.
4. If this route is so important, they why don't you put the lines under ground so that PG&E can't cause another fire?

This is an important matter to all residents of Santa Ysabel Ranch. You should not be creating an environment that has the potential to cause damage and destruction to so many people.

Stop this Route Alternative.

Yours Very Truly,

