

From: [Meredith Griffin](#)
To: [Peggy Fry](#)
Subject: FW: The Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line should cross private lands, not public!
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013 3:22:50 PM

From: Ellen Carr
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 1:01 PM
To: Meredith Griffin
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From: dgodfrey@blm.gov [<mailto:dgodfrey@blm.gov>] **On Behalf Of** SunValley_Morgan, BLM_AZ
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 12:58 PM
To: Joseph Incardine; Kathleen Depukat; Ellen Carr
Subject: Fwd: The Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line should cross private lands, not public!

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From: **SunValley_Morgan, BLM_AZ** <blm_az_sunvalley_morgan@blm.gov>
Date: Thu, Jan 31, 2013 at 12:54 PM
Subject: Re: The Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line should cross private lands, not public!
To: [REDACTED]

Ms. [REDACTED],

I've been asked to respond to your comments concerning the proposed Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line.

Your comments will be included in the project record and considered in preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement.

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On Wed, Jan 30, 2013 at 3:24 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Jan 30, 2013

Mr. Joe Incardine
21605 N 7th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85027

Dear Mr. Incardine,

I value public lands and wish that ecosystem protection was prioritized over development. Transmission lines should be built on private lands where possible.

Please respect the Resource Management Plan and reject siting the proposed Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project on public lands. The previous location for the line is more appropriate and in the public interest. Siting this line on our public lands north of SR74 is not in the best interests of the public and does not support the mission of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Instead, it primarily benefits one developer, while sacrificing important public resources.

I am disappointed that the BLM's Preferred Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is to site this line to the north of State Route 74. The information in the DEIS indicates that this route could have tremendous negative impacts on resources, including on sensitive desert tortoise habitat, recreational opportunities, scenic beauty, and more.

The Resource Management Plan (RMP), which was published only a couple of years ago, determined that a transmission line right-of-way is inappropriate for this area due to the negative impacts it would have. Less than a year after the RMP was finalized, however, a developer began pushing the BLM to change it in order to accommodate this line proposal. The BLM should say no to the developer and continue to manage these lands for their natural resource values.

This alternative will also cost Arizona Public Service Company ratepayers more money. Again, this is to benefit one developer at the expense of the larger public. The Federal Land Management Policy Act mandates that BLM consider what is in the best interest of the public. I urge you to do that.

I strongly recommend that the BLM reject this proposal and maintain that this area is off-limits to transmission lines and other development. Please select the No Action Alternative in the DEIS and do not amend the RMP. Keep our public lands public!

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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