

From: [Meredith Griffin](#)
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Subject: FW: Please Oppose Siting the Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line on Public Lands!
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From: Ellen Carr
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From: dgodfrey@blm.gov [<mailto:dgodfrey@blm.gov>] **On Behalf Of** SunValley_Morgan, BLM_AZ
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 9:41 AM
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Feb 8, 2013 at 9:53 AM
Subject: Please Oppose Siting the Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line on Public Lands!
To: sunvalley-morgan@blm.gov

Feb 8, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Incardine,

Please reject siting the proposed Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project on public lands and do not amend the Resource Management Plan to accommodate this siting. Siting this line on our public lands north of SR74 is clearly detrimental to the best interests of the general public.

Approving this modification will cost Arizona Public Service Company ratepayers more money. There is no compelling greater public interest in altering the Resource Management Plan (RMP) which is more protective of sensitive natural resources and was published only a couple of years ago. The plan explicitly 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, one 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.

It is important to note that many residential developments in the nearby area have transmission lines passing directly through them. These lines have been accommodated without undue hardship. Failing a compelling rationale for re-siting the lines over and above the private monetary concerns of a single developer, the BLM is best advised not to favor a vested interest in its RMP administration process. Making an exception in this instance establishes that mere concern over potential profit decline is sufficient grounds to alter an RMP. That both subverts the clear public will and is a dangerous precedent for the agency to set.

I strongly recommend that the BLM reject this proposal and maintain that this area north of SR 74 is off-limits to transmission lines and other development. Please select the No Action Alternative in the DEIS and do not amend the RMP to ensure maximum profits for a private concern while forcing utility rate payers to cover higher costs that would be the consequences of such changes.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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