

From: [Meredith Griffin](#)
To: [Peggy Fry](#)
Subject: FW: Letter on Sun Valley Transmission Line
Date: Thursday, February 07, 2013 8:42:26 AM
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From: Ellen Carr
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 8:28 AM
To: Meredith Griffin
Subject: FW: Letter on Sun Valley Transmission Line

From: Godfrey, Dennis [<mailto:dgodfrey@blm.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 2:09 PM
To: Ellen Carr
Subject: Fwd: Letter on Sun Valley Transmission Line

Ellen,
My boss forwarded this letter from McCain and Flake to Joe and Kathy. Joe likely will forward it to you, but I'm passing it along to make sure you get it.
Dennis

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From: Stevens, Deborah <desteven@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Feb 6, 2013 at 1:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Letter on Sun Valley Transmission Line
To: Joseph Incardine <jincardi@blm.gov>, Dennis Godfrey <dgodfrey@blm.gov>

FYI and for Admin Record

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From: **Matiella, Nick (McCain)** <Nick_Matiella@mccain.senate.gov>
Date: Wed, Feb 6, 2013 at 1:08 PM
Subject: Letter on Sun Valley Transmission Line
To: "deborah_stevens@blm.gov" <deborah_stevens@blm.gov>

Hi Deborah,

I wasn't sure who at BLM to send this to so I'm turning it over to you for proper routing. Senator McCain and Senator Kyl have written a letter of support for the Sun Valley Transmission Line Preferred Alternative for avoiding impacts to the Luke AFB Aux Field. Thanks!

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 6, 2013

Mr. Ray Suazo
Arizona State Director
Bureau of Land Management
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Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427

RE: Proposed Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project

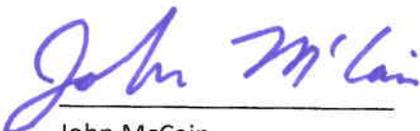
Dear State Director Suazo:

We are writing in support of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) selection of the Preferred Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the APS Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project. The Preferred Alternative would avoid potential impacts to activities at the Luke Air Force Base Auxiliary Field, and is consistent with the area already approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

As you know, the Proposed Alternative would grant right-of-way access across BLM lands, authorizing construction and maintenance of a 38-mile 500/250kV transmission line from the Sun Valley Substation near the Town of Buckeye to the Morgan Substation near the City of Peoria. We are pleased to know that BLM included U.S. Air Force—Luke Air Force Base as a cooperating agency in the DEIS and, as reflected in the Preferred Alternative, acknowledged the importance of not interfering with flight operations. By routing the transmission line to the north side of State Route 74, it appears that BLM has addressed concerns expressed by the U.S. Air Force in the planning process. Importantly, the BLM appears to have relied on the DEIS analysis to eliminate the CAP canal bypass route because of conflicts with the Luke Air Force Base Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones.

Luke Air Force Base is a vital component of our national security. We understand that the demands on our public lands are diverse and complex, requiring a great deal of coordination with local governments and various stakeholders for BLM to balance multiple use demands. Therefore, we ask that you take into account the concerns of all parties, including the U.S. Air Force, and trust that the BLM's final decision will be in the public's best interest.

Sincerely,



John McCain
United States Senator



Jeff Flake
United States Senator