

**Appendix G Comments Submitted
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Subject
 NEPA Comment for SunZia
 Transmission Corridor Project

Dera Mr. Garcia,
 Please see the attachment for our comment letter.

May we also ask whether this project is FERC related project?

Thank you.
 Most Sincerely,
 Jean A. Sawyer-Rosas(See attached file: blm nepa-sunzia power project
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July 7, 2010

Adrian Garcia

BLM NEPA Review SunZia South West Transmission Corridor Project

RE: (Proposed Alternate corridor routes #1 and #1A: 2 routes that would directly cross our land: 1) S. of Belen traveling SE to SunZia East substation along the natural gas pipeline easements or 1A) along the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge and US Hwy 60 traveling East to the pipeline route and then following the pipelines easements SE to SunZia East substation

Dear BLM and Mr. Garcia:

We are a landowner that will be directly negatively affected by two of the proposed alternate routes for the above-referenced transmission line corridor project. Our ranch is located in the NE corner of Socorro County. We also run into Valencia County. The map of two of the proposed alternate routes shows this project passing directly through several sections of our ranch, paralleling large natural gas pipelines and/or US Hwy 60.

We are very concerned with any discussion of power transmission lines paralleling natural gas pipelines through our ranch. We strongly oppose the use of these suggested routes.

We have two 36" natural gas pipeline easements (with two different companies) that run through our ranch. We have had the horrifying experience of suffering thousands of dollars of damage to the plumbing in our buildings when electric current from the cathodic protection system on one of the 36" natural gas pipelines was drawn /attracted through the earth to the power lines adjacent to our buildings that are located almost a mile from the gas pipe lines.

As this electricity passed through the ground seeking the power lines, it ate holes in our copper pipes, compromising the plumbing in every one of our recently constructed buildings (they were about a year old). We had to suspend our guest ranch business while we spent thousands of dollars in repairs to each of our buildings. We had to hire a law firm to help us deal with the problem. We spent months of time, energy, and money being involved in a lengthy lawsuit with the natural gas pipeline company in order to resolve the problem.

We were told that this should never have happened, but it did. We fear that this could happen to us again, with the installation of this proposed project through our ranch. We have spoken to SunZia about this. Assurances that there will be “no problem” by SunZia Company (the private company that will make millions of dollars on this project installation) are simply not sufficient nor realistic here.

We have spoken with the natural gas pipeline companies that have the easements through our ranch about these proposed transmission line routes. They are concerned and very much against any installation of an electric transmission line along or adjacent to their easements. They tell us that these big transmission lines can cause them big problems with their pipelines and the cathodic protection (electricity) that they must constantly run along the pipelines to protect them from corrosion, pitting, leaking, and potential explosions. The leaking of electricity from the overhead lines hangs around the lines and can attract the electricity from the underground pipelines and draw it away from them, creating a serious breach of pipeline coverage and protection, potentially creating the conditions for serious safety issues to develop on the pipelines. Leaking natural gas from the pipeline, coming into contact with static electricity around the transmission lines could cause an explosion that could be devastating to the surrounding area (our ranch land, livestock, and property) and wildlife.

The Pipeline companies must do periodic maintenance on their pipelines. They regularly test their pipelines for corrosion issues by introducing a scanning device into the pipelines at specific locations. These companies each have such a location on our ranch along their easements. They must bring in heavy equipment and a full crew to dig up sections of their pipelines regularly to check their condition and recoat them for the aforementioned safety and maintenance reasons.

Additionally, these companies must do periodic or emergency blow downs of the pipelines to work on them, whether the work will be done within our ranch boundaries or further away on the pipeline. Each company has a blow down valve location along their respective easements, within our ranch boundaries. The blow down is a release of all of the natural gas within the 36” pipeline directly into the air. They often do this release very quickly, which means that the amount of gas being released into the air in a short few minutes is very substantial. This gas in the air could easily ignite and explode when it comes into contact with the electricity that leaks from the transmission lines if they are located adjacent to the pipeline easements, causing significant damage to the surrounding area (our ranchland, livestock, and property) and wildlife.

One of the pipeline companies has told us that they plan a future expansion of their system and will need to widen their easement size when that time comes. Should this proposed transmission line project be installed along or adjacent to the pipeline easements now, they would impede or infringe on the pipeline company’s ability to expand in the future, thus hampering the delivery of natural gas to thousands of customers in the South West United States. The pipeline companies have already spent years and substantial money developing this easement corridor. It would be inappropriate to permit this transmission line installation to negatively impact or limit the public’s access to the natural gas that these future pipelines would provide.

We have several easements through our ranch already. Each one of them brings its own set of issues that we must deal with. Creating yet another easement corridor of 1000' wide through several sections of our ranch will push us beyond the limit. To force this project of two very large power transmission lines upon us, with its inherent problems, bisecting our ranch with yet another condemned easement is unconscionable. We will be overburdened by the sheer number of easements crossing our ranch, especially in light of the past damages that we have suffered. We strongly object to any additional easement corridors being designated through our ranch property and we will fight any condemnation proceedings that would arise from these proposed routes through our ranch.

We understand from the website and printed literature on this project that the transmission line towers will be up to 160' tall with red blinking light marking the tops. The lines themselves are each 1" in diameter. The easement will be 1000 feet wide to accommodate two of these lines and their respective towers to support them. Such an installation will surely create a blight on our beautiful and historic landscape. The highest and best use of our land here is development. These invasive proposed project routes will clearly diminish our overall ranch land value substantially, as they each will be highly visible from our home, our buildings, and many areas of our ranch. The natural beauty of the land will be significantly degraded. It is highly unlikely that we will /would be adequately compensated for this loss of value.

Our ranch encompasses part of the historic Abo Pass. There are historic ruins on several parts of our ranch, as well as the adjacent pass area. US HWY 60 passes through this Abo Pass landscape that has such substantial historical significance. Proposed alternate route #1 for this project would cross US HWY 60 and would be visible from the highway for miles. Proposed alternate route #1A would parallel US HWY 60 along the Northern border of the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge for several miles before joining proposed route #1 running SE to the SunZia East Substation and would be visible for miles along the highway. The transmission line project would clearly affect and diminish the historic view sheds that relate to this Abo Pass area.

In 2003, NM State Representative Don Tripp, introduced legislation asking the NM State Office of Cultural Affairs to nominate US HWY 60 to the NM State Register of Cultural Properties and National Register of Historic Places. In 2004, Rep. Tripp asked for national legislation to designate US HWY 60 as a National Historic Highway. US Hwy 60 through our area is currently called a "scenic byway" on road maps. These proposed transmission line routes through this area are clearly inappropriate, in that they do not lend themselves to blend in with the surroundings. By definition, they will stick out like a sore thumb and detract radically from the historic view sheds that these legislative actions are designed to protect and preserve in their current condition.

The proposed alternate route #1A along the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge and US Hwy 60 has another problem. The deed for the Sevilleta NWR has a specific reversionary clause, causing the land to revert back to the donating person or his heirs should the land use or condition be changed or altered in any way. This proposed project would clearly violate that clause, thereby causing the US Fish and Game department to lose its access and control over that important wildlife study area.

We understand from the website and printed materials for this project that several other routes are being considered. It is clear from the maps of these proposed routes that those further to the South are better and safer alternatives than the 2 routes that would run through our ranch. These Southern routes are also shorter, which means less expensive to install. EVERYONE must be conscious of the cost of this project, for we will surely help to pay for it one way or another.

We respectfully suggest that one of these other routes be utilized for all of the reasons and discussion stated above.

Most Sincerely,

Jean A. Sawyer-Rosas

Luis Rosas

Owners of Dripping Springs Ranch

US Hwy 60, mile marker 186-187

Socorro County, NM

SunZia Southwest TRANSMISSION PROJECT



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U.S. Department of Interior
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SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement

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COMMENTS:

please see brief letter attached.
 Thank-you,
 Katya Bromley

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this as a concerned citizen and as a director of Anam, Inc, whose current and future projects are directly affected by the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. Many of these concerns have been addressed by the President of Anam, Inc, Jennifer L. Sacksen, and also Samuel Sacksen. However there are other issues here that also need to be addressed. The company is currently negotiating with interested parties who wish to utilize the ranch. A major part of the attraction for this property was the usability of the currently used airstrip that has been maintained for decades. The proposed power lines will cause air traffic exceptional risk and make the airstrip inaccessible and therefore the property essentially useless for their purposes. Others, who, in the past, have used the properties for films featuring the vast open spaces, will no longer find the property usable and therefore eliminating another avenue of environmentally friendly revenue. Another environmentally friendly activity that the company has been considering is the creating eco- tourism on the ranch as a sustainable and viable place for education and appreciation of the property's unique wildlife. This, of course, would not be an option once the SunZia Transmission line is in place.

There is also historic value to the proposed site north of Oracle, Az., aside from the house as mentioned by Ms. Sacksen. Indian Burial grounds have been found within a quarter mile of the proposed transmission line. There are petro glyphs and other precious artifacts that could be devastated and lost forever by the sweeping line.

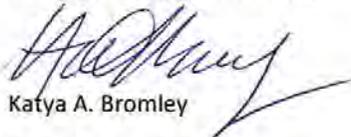
Also, cultural and visual resources will be compromised by these 16 story tall structures that the views of the developable deeded land will ruined for any future development. No one wants to stare out the window at humming power lines.

Other issues that will be of vital interest to us, the property owners, is who is going to monitor the huge influx of subcontractors who will be moving fences, spooking cattle and wildlife, to make sure that no trespassers who wish to destroy property are allowed access to the property?

The area in question is also a very fragile and quite unique environmentally. For example, the Sonoran Tiger Salamander is thought to be found in some of the arroyos in the area. There are many more examples of environmentally sensitive issues that need to be addressed fully.

The SunZia project, as it is proposed today, will be a devastating blow to our family ranch, and indeed, to a vitally irreplaceable part of Arizona.

Thank you for your attention,



Katya A. Bromley

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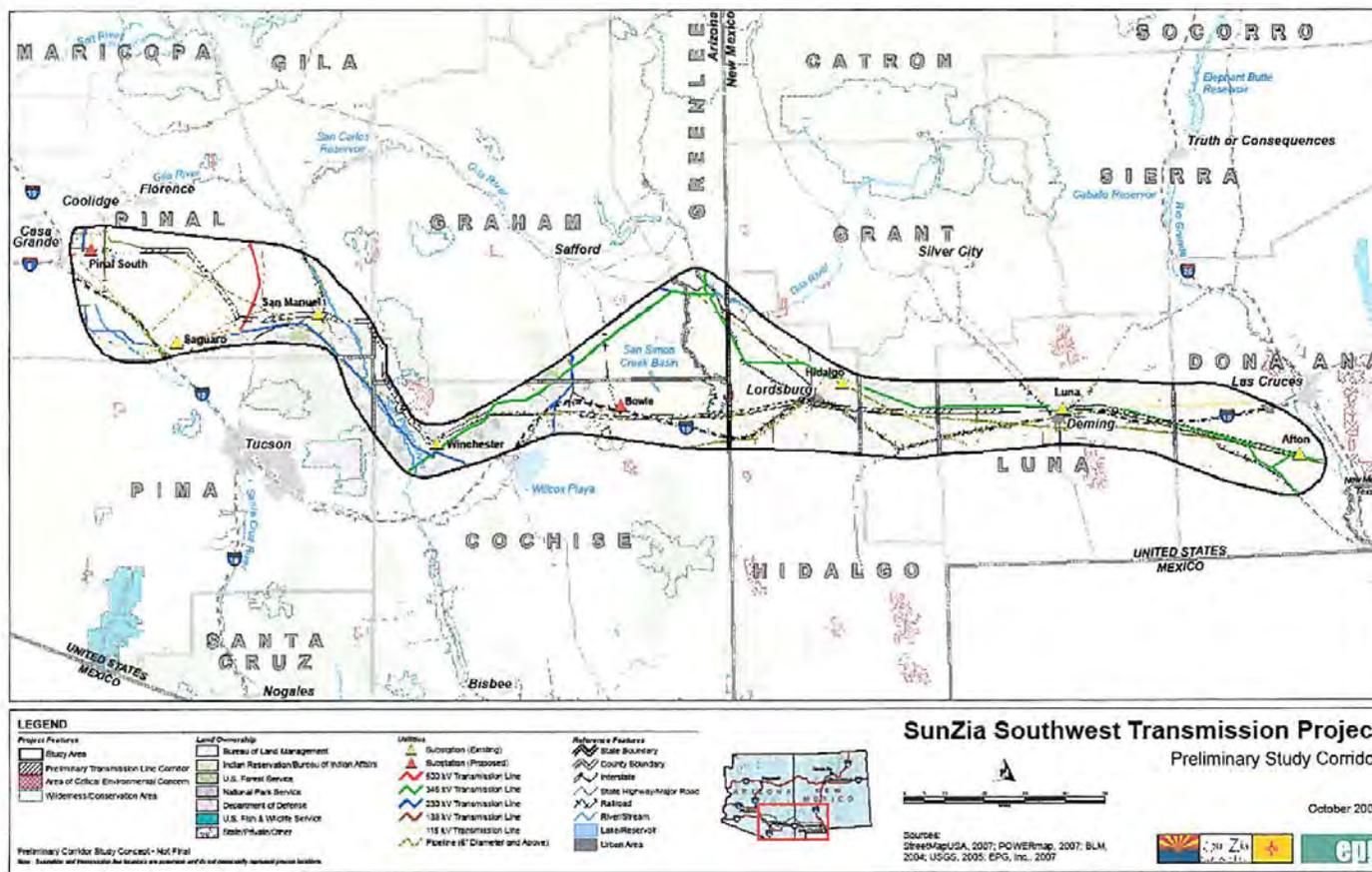


Figure 1 – Map of SunZia Project

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Dear Sir:

My husband and I both grew up back east. We raised a family there. We learned of the beauty of what New Mexico had to offer when our son attended college here. We learned about the Preserve through the internet. We visited Mountainair and the Preserve and liked the type of life we saw here. When contemplating retirement we remembered the Preserve and came to the look at property on the Preserve. In 2009 we built our dream home and moved to the Preserve.

This area, is filled with ruins, i.e., ABO, Gran Quivira, etc. When visiting these places, if you close your eyes you can see the missions come to life. Living on the Preserve offers a very easy way of living. There are nature trails to hike, there are birds to watch there is life happening all over and there are incredibly beautiful views to take in. If one has horses they can ride on the Preserve. We have magnificent long horned cattle. Unfortunately all of this can change if Sun Zia decides to run either through or very close to the borders of Deer Canyon Preserve. The BLM maps illustrate alternative routes. These newly proposed alternative routes appear to run through the Liberty Valley, within sight of the Gran Quivira Mission ruins. What a tragedy to allow this to happen. The environmental impact would be devastating to all concerned, animals, people and the ruins. It would literally change an otherwise perfect landscape. These sites must be protected from further development of such projects. As you push further along with the Environmental Impact Statement, please keep these things in mind.

Please keep us informed as to the progress of this Impact Statement. Please add our names to the project's mailing list to receive routine updates. Thank you for consideration of our sincere concerns.

Thank you,



Donna & Lew Deiner
 Property Owners Deer Canyon Preserve

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 Add to mailing list Yes No
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COMMENTS:

Please see attachments

A) Word document

B) Map of area in question

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the grandchildren of the Nataros family in regards to the proposed SunZia transmission line project.

We strongly object to the construction of these lines though our family ranch land not only for personal reasons but also for reasons historical, environmental, safety and economical.

1. Personal:

This will be our weakest argument because we are only one family. It really does not matter to society if the land and ranch where we grew up as children is made into something completely different and honestly is not longer the beautiful land we remember. A 500 kv transmission line is loud which, especially if the southern route is chosen, will make living in the current family residence virtually unlivable. Additionally the towers and lines will never blend into the landscape no matter how used to them one becomes. Willow Springs Ranch is blessed with unforgettable views from the residence; to forever mar these with a large transmission line would be a terrible shame because our descendents will be denied the extreme pleasure that my fellow grandchildren and I enjoyed growing up (most of the grandchildren lived there for most of our formative years as well as our parents in theirs). I fully realize we have literally no leg to stand on in this case since this is basically a case of the heart appealing for a stay on the destruction of our beautiful ranch. I understand that on the surface it doesn't seem to be a big deal but when people engage in a search for a place to live there are certain undesirable characteristics they attempt to avoid; airports, industrial plants and high voltage power lines. On the surface it may not seem to be the same situation because so few people live in the proposed area of construction but it must be taken into consideration as an issue when it is realized how long we have lived there as a family.

2. Historical:

Growing up on the Willow Springs Ranch I was acutely aware from a young age of the strong presence of Indian ruins and relics ALL over the entire property. The proposed line would almost certainly decimate many of these priceless artifacts and sites during the construction phase. I am certain that your company is very much aware of these issues but I want to bring it to your attention as one who has lived there for many years and knows intrinsically how much an integral part of Arizona and Indian history is preserved in the soil throughout the Willow Springs Ranch.

3. Environmental

I am positive that in your initial explorations for the viability of this project you were made very aware of the environmental impact the line would have on the ecosystem so I will not belabor the point. Willow Springs Ranch has been the site of much research by the University of Arizona and others so it would be safe to assume that the ranch's ecosystem would not be benefited in

any way by having a high powered transmission crossing the fragile environment that exists on the property. This may sound hypocritical because you are of course aware that there are proposed plans for the construction of a carbon and energy neutral eco-village on the property. The eco-village and the power line are two different entities; a housing development designed with the express goal of allowing its residents to experience and immerse themselves within the unforgettable and beautiful desert landscape while living in a totally environmentally friendly and non impact community. A 500 kv transmission line does none of this. While I fully realize the essential need for the construction of the line to support the growing power needs of California destroying even in part a breathtaking and priceless ecosystem in the pursuit of these goals without fully researching other possibilities for the placement of the line seems environmentally irresponsible.

4. Safety:

A possibly overlooked complication of the transmission line crossing our property would be the potential exposure of our lands and family to terrorist activity. High level infrastructure such as the SunZia project would no doubt be a very lucrative target for potential destruction from both foreign and domestic terrorists. The close proximity of the southern line to the residence in particular would almost necessitate the removal of all potential witnesses (ie the family who live in the residence) by the attackers in the unlikely event of an attack on the power line. There is no way of guaranteeing our safety due to the remoteness of the family residence far out in the desert. I only mention this issue because of the ranch's close proximity to a potential entry point into the continental United States from bordering Mexico the border of which has been proven to be quite porous in the past. An attack anywhere on the ranch would make it extremely difficult to achieve our goal of the eco-village (see below) as potential buyers would be very hesitant to bring their families into a "high risk" environment even if we were able to somehow maintain the viability of the project in the first place if the transmission line transverses the potential development site.

5. Economical:

Finally- the economic havoc the positioning of the line through the middle of the fully approved and permitted building development sites on the property would cause. I am aware that one of the potential choices for the line will utilize the gas easement that currently exists. There is a significant difference aesthetically between an enormous power line and an underground gas line. There is no chance for the development project to go forward if there is a noisy dangerous high voltage line traveling right through the middle of it. The economic future of our family depends in large part on the development of this completely eco friendly and sustainable community. It is also a large step forward for the green movement if we were successful in creating this groundbreaking housing community. The housing project would truly be the first of its kind in the county if not the world. We as a family and company have worked tirelessly over the years to get this housing project developed and approved to begin construction. Our hope is to not only make it a viable and practical reality but also to use it as blueprint for future green projects worldwide.

I truly appreciate your time and consideration when reading this appeal. Please realize that I understand fully the necessity of what your company is trying to do with this project. I just ask on behalf of myself and the future generations of my family that you consider moving your line to a more acceptable location. No remuneration could ever replace the damage both economic and personal that the currently envisioned project sites would cause.

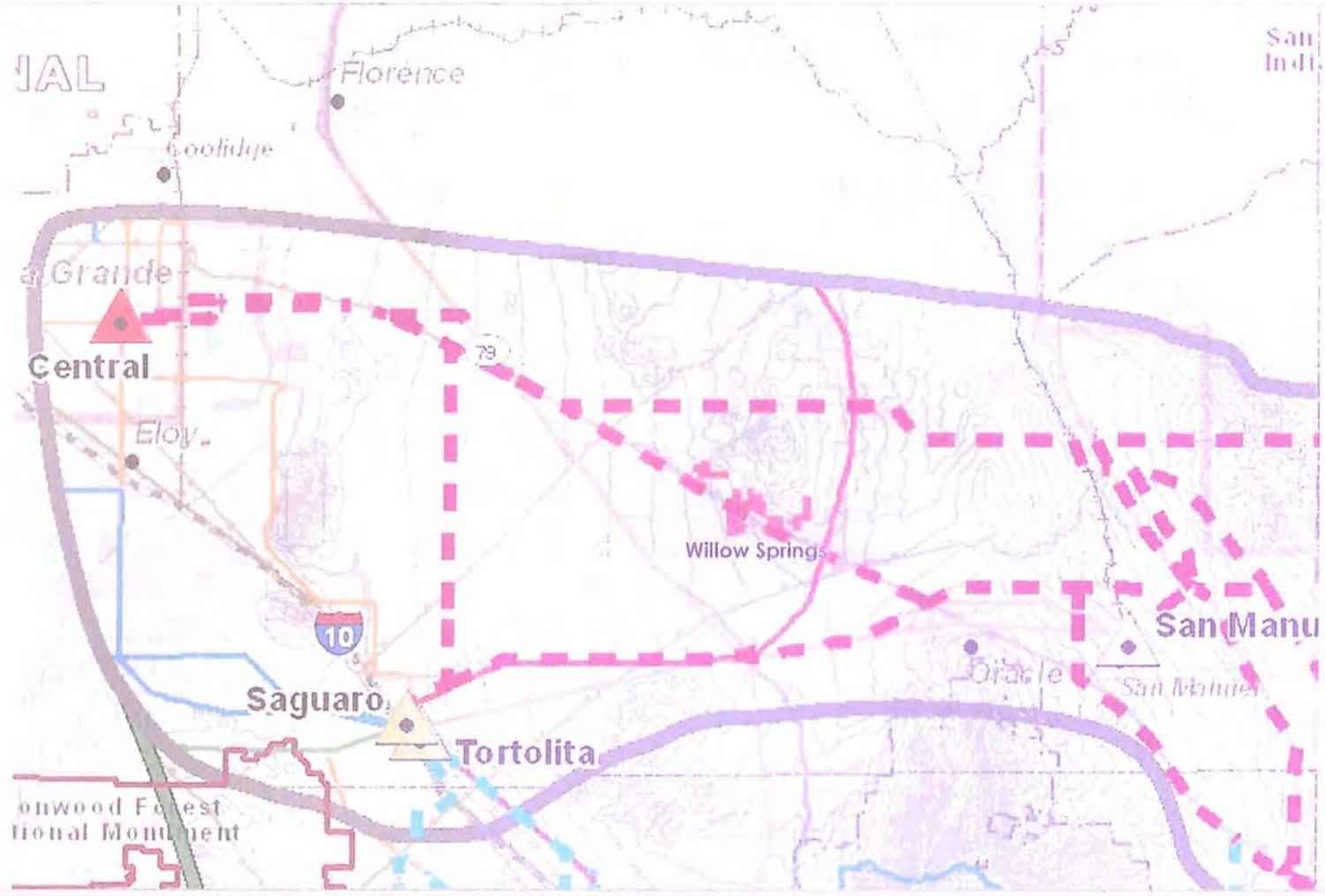
Sincerely,



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SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

Land Ownership and Jurisdiction

Project Location

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Land Ownership

Bureau of Land Management	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Dept. of Defense	Federal Other
McGregor Range Withdrawal	Indian Reservation
National Park Service	State Trust Land
U.S. Forest Service	Local or State Parks
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Private/Other

Base Features

Project Features

Proposed and Alternative Routes	Utilities	100kV Transmission Line	Reference Features
Alternative Routes Subject to Feasibility Study	Prepared Substation	230kV Transmission Line	City
Study Area - October 2009	Existing Substation	220kV Transmission Line	River Stream
Study Area - April 2010	Pipeline (Gaswater & ...)	135kV/161kV Transmission Line	Lake/Reservoir
Substation Siting Area		115kV Transmission Line	Urban Area

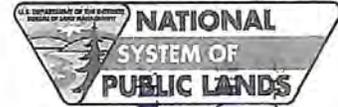
Willow Springs Ranch
 South Village (labeled as Willow Springs)

Sources:

BLM Maps
 AZ State Dept. of Transportation
 AZ State Dept. of Water Resources
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 Add to mailing list Yes No
 Withhold personal information* Yes No
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SEE ATTACHED COMMENTS

John R. Sris

June 17, 2010

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John R. Sais
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 June 17, 2010

To BLM--Proposed SunZia Transmission Lines:
 SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

My family and I are opposed to the Transmission Lines North of 380 (approximately 39 miles North of 380) on T1NR4E. The proposed Transmission lines are on the Far Northern Extension Area of White Sands Missile Range. It is our home, ranching business and heritage. This route was designated E80, E100 and E90 in the "Study Area Expansion April 2010". This Proposed Expansion Routes pass through our ranch lands and homes on the ranch. We are an area called the Rayo Community.

The Lines will negatively affect us in many and varied ways. I will attempt to address our concerns in this comment period allowed by BLM. But, it must be noted that this isn't conclusive because of the restricted time period to address the proposed Transfer Line, lack of allowable time to contact and enlist help from agencies that have expertise and knowledge on all the ill effects and ramifications on our lives and business.

We, the SAIS FAMILY are of Hispanic or Spanish background and have inalienable rights that are protected by the laws of our state to protect the customs, culture and our heritage.

This Transmission Line will put in danger this historical heritage that is rooted in the Sais Ranch. There has been five generations on this ranch and our historical roots have been traced back 600 years.

In Central New Mexico there is a ranch that modern development has not yet touched. It is owned and operated by John and Ramona Sais.

In the times of the first settlers of the Territory of New Mexico life on the frontier was simple and rough. Home meant a rock, adobe or log cabin with clay or mud floors of dirt or rough cut lumber. Settlers had a constant struggle for food and fuel - money was always scarce.

The Sais Family lived in the New Mexico Territory in those conditions in those times. Also when the Conquistadores were present in Mexico, what is now New Mexico, the family was represented in the Conquistadores of Spain. Don Ambrosio Sais was Sergeant Major to Don Diego de Vargas in 1681. Don Ambrosio descended from an officer, Don Alfonso Sais of the army of King Juan II of Spain (the father of Queen Isabella). Our present Coat of Arms were given of that time in 1422 for service under the King of Spain.

The Territory of New Mexico was ceded to America in 1848 by Mexico after the Mexican war of 1848. In those times Don Jose Jesus Sais, my great grandfather,

developed and pioneered the freight business by pack mules and horses from Northern Mexico to Santa Fe and up to California. In doing so he acquired the existing Sais Ranch and many holdings in the Territory of New Mexico.

We've survived droughts, wars, plague, death, economic disaster of 1929 and many hardships. The intrusion of this Transmission Line is a threat to the existing purity and pristine of the ranch, and a threat to our family, culture, way of life and the cattle.

The SV Sais Ranch has one of the oldest intact cattle herds in the State of New Mexico. Today all cattle on the land is descended from the original herd from when NM was a Territory. No cow has been purchased outside of the ranch. All replacement heifers are kept from the herd.

This is our story and as our Coat of Arms signifies, (see attached exhibit), we shall continue: "STRONG AND PURE IN SPIRIT"

The ranch is a cultural heritage. We live and work on the ranch. We are not absentee owners. It is our home, business, life and culture. This Transmission Line threatens all for what we stand for and have preserved for generations.. The preservation of this Hispanic heritage is not only important for us but for the state of New Mexico. The land is still pristine. We have and do not want or permit any development on the ranch. All our improvements are kept in the context of preserving the integrity of the land as it was when our forefathers worked and maintained the land for future generations. The intrusion of these huge Lines will destroy the whole pristine and character of the place, with no reversal. Once it is destroyed, a legacy is gone forever. The proposed lines will go through, over and by many historical areas of the ranch plus ruin the aesthetics of the place.

Some examples of the historical significant of the ranch are many and varied:

- 1--Original historic Rayo Post Office established in 1916 (Now our family house)
- 2- 100 yr old shipping and dipping vat for sheep of the area
- 3--original adobe and rock house built in about 1912, used by my son
- 4--remnants of old homesteads throughout ranch
- 5-gravesites of original settler
- 6 --cedar post corrals 100 year old and still used
- 7--above few examples and many more on the ranch

My grand father, Victor Jose Sais, is acknowledged in the history book written by Ralph E. Twitchell--"The Leading Facts of New Mexican History Vol. III" Mr. Twitchell was Vice-President of the Historical Society of New Mexico. The book states the vastness of the holdings of Victor Sais and the significance he had in New Mexico in his time.

The proposed line will go over or next to the Grave Site Mountain in which settlers have been buried with original crosses. The Line will be over or yards from the original home of my grandfather and is still occupied by my son.. Our home, Rayo House, will have the

Transmission Line in site from the house.

All the above are only partial reasons for not putting the lines through our area. The negative impact will be devastating in a cultural and quality of life. How would SunZia make restitution? Also, Governor Richardson signed into law the National Heritage Conservation Act specifically for the protection of working farms, ranches and other agricultural lands. The Transmission Line of SunZia goes contrary to the intent of this Act. How can a flagrant, immense, Line be constructed that goes against the National Heritage Conservation Act ?

ECONOMIC IMPACTS;

The proposed corridor will greatly reduce the value of the ranch due to the huge and quantity of structures and the vast right-of-ways requested. Also the planning is to increase the number of lines. The unknown factor of the additional lines will further greatly reduce the value of the ranch even further.

Additionally, we have an existing lucrative Contract with White Sands Missile Range. We are part of the Northern Extension Area in which we have signed an agreement to evacuate our ranches for up to 12 hrs for safety flights and other studies by White Sands Missile Range. The Contract is unique to the United States. No other Contract exist like this one. The proximity to the firing range makes it possible for both parties. There are over 1,000,00 acres involved, 106 contracts. The Northern Area has 60 Contracts. The Northern Area has about 1,200 sq. miles involved. This is where the line is proposed. White Sands reimburse us for disruption of life and business. If the proposed Transmission line E80-90-100 are installed White Sands indicated they would cancel the contracts exclusively because of the SunZia lines. These contracts have been in effects since the 1960s--over 40 years. This was so stated in a meeting at White Sands on June of 2010.

The Economic burden would be unjust and create great economic hardship on our family when Contracts with White Sands Missile are cancelled and others in the area. Compensation would be necessary . How would SunZia make restitution?

There are studies that the Lines and electrical and magnetic fields could cause abortions. If so, our cattle will have a lower percentage calf crop. Any percentage decrease in calves will mean a lower percentage decrease in income. How will SunZia compensate us for loss income?

Individual Rights:

1--Sound quality will result from the towers and lines, increase in sounds and humms will result, disturbing man and animal alike. How will you stop this? How will we be compensated for this disturbance of our lives and life style?

2--We are in a Restricted Fly Zone---rules and regulations are different over our ranch. High towers as proposed by SunZia will require 24 hr lights. Miles of lights will be necessary. The whole country side will be ruined. How will SunZia eliminate the need

they are my concerns. The Transmission Line presence, construction and maintenance will have an ongoing negative effect on the wildlife. How will you eliminate this? Can you?

Cost of Transmission Lines:

- 1--Will SunZia build Lines without government support?
- 2--What percentage will the government grant or subsidize Line?
- 3--Will the Federal government be part owner of Line if they give a grant or subsidy?
- 4--Who will be responsible for any liability or property or health claims?
- 5--Will Gov. Richardson after his term be affiliated with SunZia in any way or form?
- 6--Is it a conflict of interest or against the law for a state agency or federal agency to endorse a private profit corp. that will be or possibly be applying for rental of public lands such as state or federal lands?
- 7--How efficient is harnessing and transporting wind energy
- 8--What are the 3 biggest negative impacts on our ranch lands if SunZia puts up the lines?
- 9--Will transfer stations be put up along the corridors of the Transmission Lines in the future?
- 10--What detrimental effects will the Transfer Stations have on the immediate and surrounding areas?
- 11--Our ranch is known for earth tremors. What precautions will be installed in the Lines for these disturbances?
- 12--Why don't you want legislation proposed before installation of Lines?
- 13--Installation and maintenance will cause soil erosion because of vehicle track and other activity between polls. How will you rectify this? Will the tracks and two wheel roads be left between poles?
- 14-- Will roads be made between some of the polls?
- 15--If there is an undue burden on any one family or area will you be willing to consider other routes?
- 16--Does the private profit co. of SunZia have Eminent Domain?
- 17--Is it trying to get Eminent Domain?
- 18--Will the Transmission Lines absolutely be put up under the SunZia corp.?
- 19--Is SunZia bonded? How much?
- 20-- To date has the government required SunZia to have money in escrow for any liability claims if project goes into effect?
- 21--Will the initial operating funds be entirely government funds? If not what percentage will SunZia contribute?

What really concerns me is the fact that SunZia is publishing a propaganda newsletter that is one sided and is not given any mention of the negative impacts it will have on the 400-500 mile corridor it will impact. Why isn't this information published? Why isn't the concerns of the individual published? Why isn't the media informed of all aspects of the Line?

The following pages will be dedicated mainly to the Health risks, but again this is by no way conclusive:

HEALTH RISKS AND OTHER CONCERNS:

The ultimate goal of any risk assessment within an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to estimate the probability of disease or impact in an exposed population. In general, this involves the combination of three basic pieces of information: the probability that the agent causes the disease or impact, the response as a function of exposure given that the exposure does cause disease or impact and the distribution of exposures in the population being studied. The ranching community of the Socorro and Torrance Counties hope that BLM takes the above mentioned basic principals seriously and into account as they prepare the EIS for the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. Only a complete and comprehensive EIS can address our concerns with the potential impacts of running two 500 kilovolt transmission lines through our ranches. Our concerns are not only for our personal health but also for the health and productivity of our stock and the potential detrimental ecological and negative aesthetic affects such a project will have on currently unobstructed and pristine lands.

Not long ago the Trust for Public Land (TPL) praised Governor Richardson's administration for signing into law the Natural Heritage Conservation Act. The new law was also praised by the New Mexico State Director (Jenny Park) of TPL as an important step towards the protection of:

- Water Quality and quantity
- Working farms, ranches, and other agricultural lands
- Forests and watersheds
- Wildlife Habitat and other natural areas
- Cultural and Historic sites

The ranching communities of Socorro and Torrance Counties also hope that the above law was not intended as lip service and is taken into consideration as the SunZia Transmission Project is under consideration. Many of the ranching families concerned have strong generational, historic and cultural ties to the land that should be and must be protected as part of our New Mexico and American profile. Once these tremendously important National Heritage assets are destroyed a part of our Country's positive legacy is erased.

We understand that on a health basis the argument in favor of running large transmission lines through our ranches will be that of inconclusive data against the population and livestock impact. We caution you to not exercise haste in your review and quick approval without significantly reviewing volumes of data that show negative impacts on livestock and human health. This data was significant enough for our neighboring state of Colorado to have developed health standard for public protection against Electro Magnetic Fields emitted by transmission lines.

Also, proceedings available from Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Services (NRAES) Cooperative Extension Service, P.O. Box 4557, Ithaca, New York, demonstrated that cows exposed to electric and magnetic fields (EMF) had lower melatonin and higher progesterone in blood than when not exposed according to Dr.

Javier A. Burchard, Veterinarian and Professor of Animal Science at McGill University. Dr. Burchard presented his findings in a report on "Electric and Magnetic Field Research at McGill University" Sainte-Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, Canada. The report is in Proceedings from a conference "Stray Voltage and Dairy Farms" at Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, April 9-11, 2003. The long term affects on livestock by EMF emissions must be demonstrated in the EIS for the SunZia Transmission Project.

We ask BLM to exercise their best professional judgment in considering all potential impacts, short and long term, as they review this project. We must become smarter and not repeat historical mistakes. The hasty approval of off shore drilling without due diligence by the government agencies have created the most detrimental environmental and health disaster of all times. We are quite confident that the governmental agencies whose job was to protect the public just assumed that a quick response in permitting the off shore drill sites would just be a great public relations shot in the arm for allowing quick energy to reach our gas pumps. However, the detriment to our Gulf, the fishing industry, the communities, the environment, and our Country will not be known for decades after the wells run dry. This is why we strongly oppose running large transmission lines through our way of life, homes and industry. We understand our Country's thirst for energy; however we more fully understand our Country's need for protection of its heritage, especially during these times.

In closing we seriously ask that the following concerns be fully addressed plus all the above concerns in the entire text in the EIS and BLM's review of the SunZia Transmission Line Project:

- What will be the short term and long term affects of EMFs on livestock exposed?
- What are the affects of EMFs on grazing and cattle orientation?
- What are the affects of EMFs on milk production?
- What are the short and long term affects of EMFs on human health, cancer production and child births.
- What will be the financial affects on real estate polluted by transmission lines?
- What considerations will BLM take in protecting the cultural and historic value of ranches in danger of being negatively impacted ecologically and aesthetically by transmission lines?
- Will the public have an opportunity to review and comment on the final EIS prior to approval?

My rights under Title VI of the Environmental Justice under the Civil Right's Act will be violated if approval is given to SunZia for installation and right of ways for Transmission Lines. How can the Transmission Lines be justified without violating my rights specifically under Title VI Environmental Justice under the Civil Rights Act?

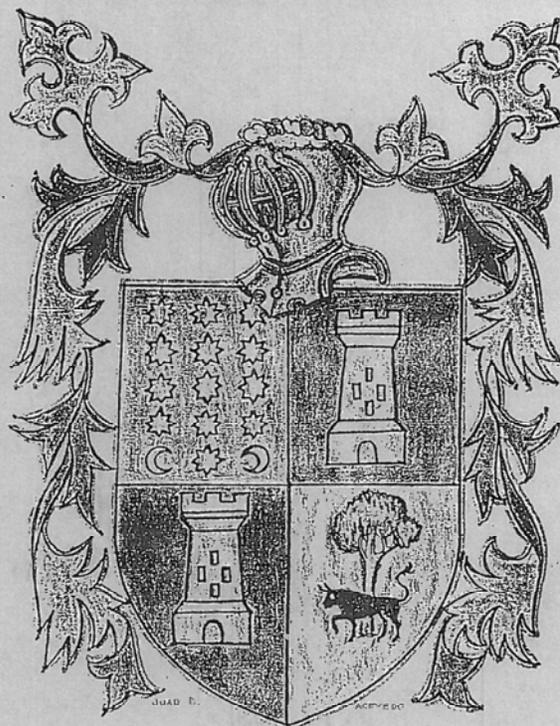
Our ranching family of Socorro County, hope these concerns can honestly be addressed

Respectfully Submitted,

John R. Sais, 6-17-2010
Ramona Sais - 6-17-2010
 John R. Sais and Ramona Sais

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Sais

Inscriptions:

Stars: May the Sais's be as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Moon: Family was Muslim when they entered Spain.

Castle: Family home in Burgos, Castilla La Vieja Spain.

Oak Tree: May the Family be as strong as a bull. (In the early Coat of Arms it was a lobo. Meaning may the Sais's be as conning as a wolf).

History:

The Coat of Arms was given to Alfonso Sais in 1422 by King Juan II of Castile, the father of Queen Isabel La Catolica I. For his service to the King. His son fought on the side of Queen Isabel to put her on the Castilian Throne over her brother.

In 1681 Don Ambrosio Sais was present in Mexico, what is now New Mexico, as one of the Conquistadores of Spain. He was a descendant of Don Alfonso Sais of Spain and was sergeant major to Don Diego Vargas. The family continued and multiplied throughout the years.

The Territory of New Mexico was ceded to America in 1848 by Mexico after the Mexican War of 1848. In those times Don Jose Jesus Sais (father of Victor Sais) developed and pioneered the freight business by pack mules and horses from Northern New Mexico to Santa Fe and on to California. In the 19th Century the existing Sais Ranch was acquired as well as other holdings in the Territory of New Mexico.

The Sais name, our tradition, and our heritage are all part of New Mexico history and we are proud to share it.

JOHN R. SAIS
HC 66 BOX 604
MOUNTAINAIN, NM
87036



06/14/2010

PROPOSED CORRIDOR
SUNZIA TRANSMISSION LINE



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SUNZIA TRANSMISSION LINE
OLD HOMESTEAD

John/RAMONA SALS
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WILDERNESS DESIGNATED AREA

SunZia Southwest TRANSMISSION PROJECT



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SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement

NAME: Anam Inc. / Jennifer Sackson

ADDRESS: 1600 E. Hanley Blvd. Suite 128

CITY: Tucson STATE: AZ ZIP: 85737

Organization (if applicable): Anam Inc.

Add to mailing list Yes No

Withhold personal information* Yes No

Receive notification of EIS availability? Yes No

COMMENTS:

See attached documents.

SEND COMMENTS TO:

SunZia Southwest Transmission Project | c/o EPG, Inc. | 4141 N. 32nd Street, Suite 102 | Phoenix, AZ 85018

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ANAM, INC : COMMENT

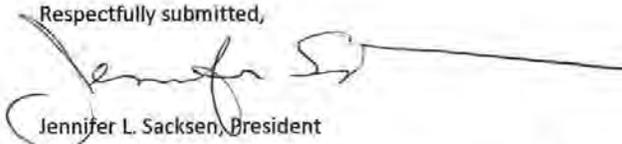
on SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

There are two proposed SunZia routes (attachment A) which will pass through our ranch, both of which we emphatically oppose. Willow Springs Ranch is owned by the family held company, Anam Inc. Please examine the attachments as labeled and described herein. Portions of our ranch are involved in environmentally sensitive developments which have already accrued large investments in engineering and planning.

- 1) If the proposed northern route is chosen, our plans of West, North and Central Villages will be decimated. (attachment B). The lines will run right through the villages. Our vision is that of sustainable and self-solar powered eco villages. We have been working with award winning sustainable builders and planners to determine how our family can utilize this land to really make a difference. Should SunZia build anywhere on Willow Springs Ranch it will ruin the planned communities. The ranch was chosen and purchased for its natural beauty and our desire to reduce human environmental impact by our careful management. This will be destroyed if the transmission line runs through it. The path chosen by SunZia in the north of Willow Springs Ranch runs through the most picturesque region of the ranch and the prime eco real estate development area.
- 2) Should SunZia choose the proposed southern route which utilizes the EL Paso Natural Gas easement (attachment C) then the subsequent bisection of the ranch will be economically devastating.
 - a) The exquisite historic family residence has current value in the millions of dollars. Once a transmission line runs through basically the front yard the economic worth of the home will be unarguably significantly devalued forever. (attachment D)
 - b) Our most advanced planned community, South Village also known as Willow Springs will most likely become unviable. (We own this development in partnership with LENNAR Homes and Mr. Kevin Tarbox [managing member] has previously sent in his comments (attachment E) on behalf of Willow Springs Properties, LLC regarding this development). The gas easement bisects the planned community. I have included in this packet two maps which clearly show that the proposed SunZia 500 kv line will bisect the heart of our community (attachment F) and (attachment G), run past thousands of fine homes, our 9 acre commercial zone, our 15.4 acre clubhouse, and bisect the 207 acre golf course, the 24.2 acre town center (attachment H), the 21.3 acre K-12 School, several smaller parks and also the 40 acre regional park and 18.7 acre recreational center, and the trails. To date we have invested millions of dollars in this project, cleared all local, county, state and federal hurdles of every category and the project is now shovel ready.

The SunZia transmission project will ruin the economic future of the entire Willow Springs Ranch and our present home.

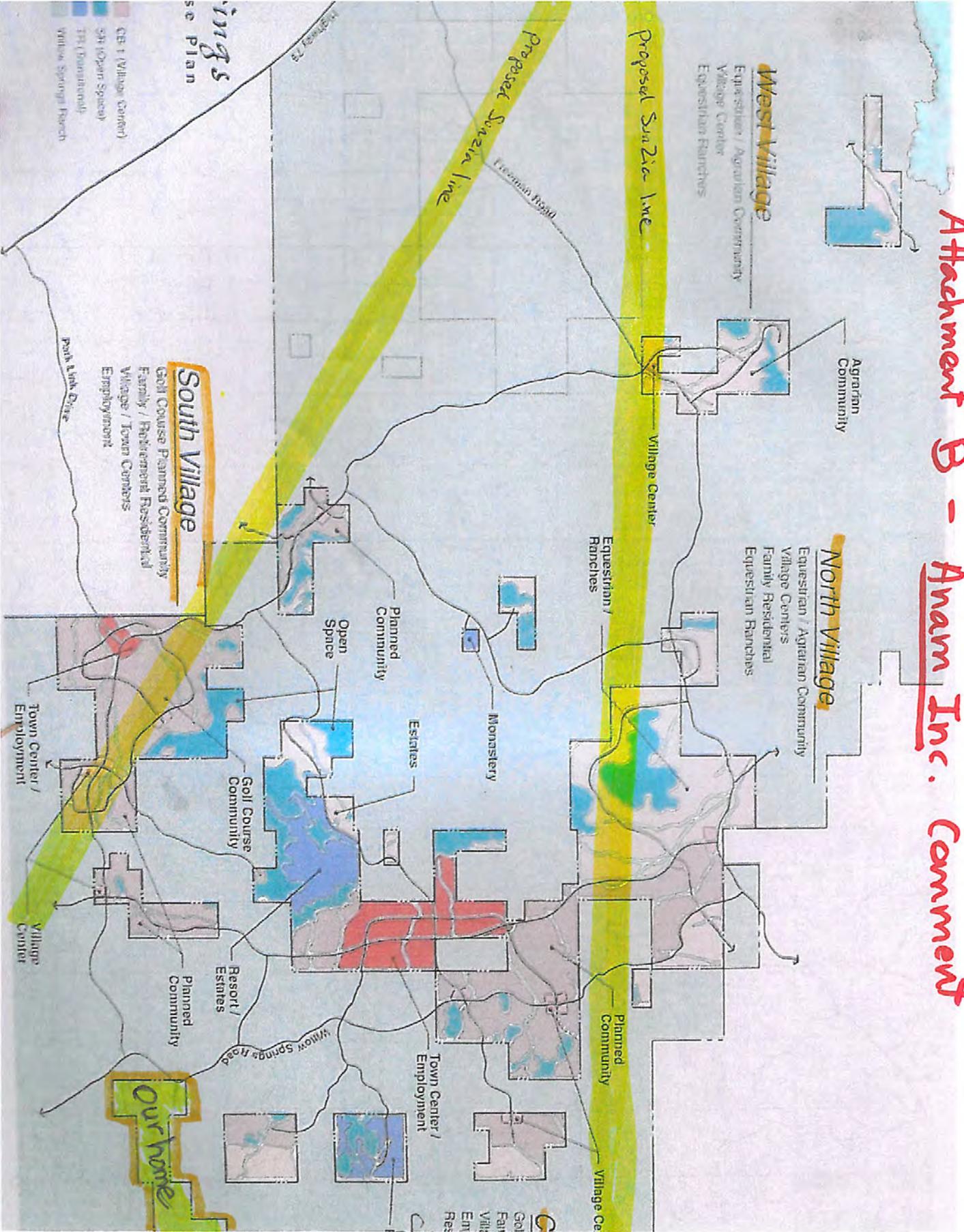
Respectfully submitted,

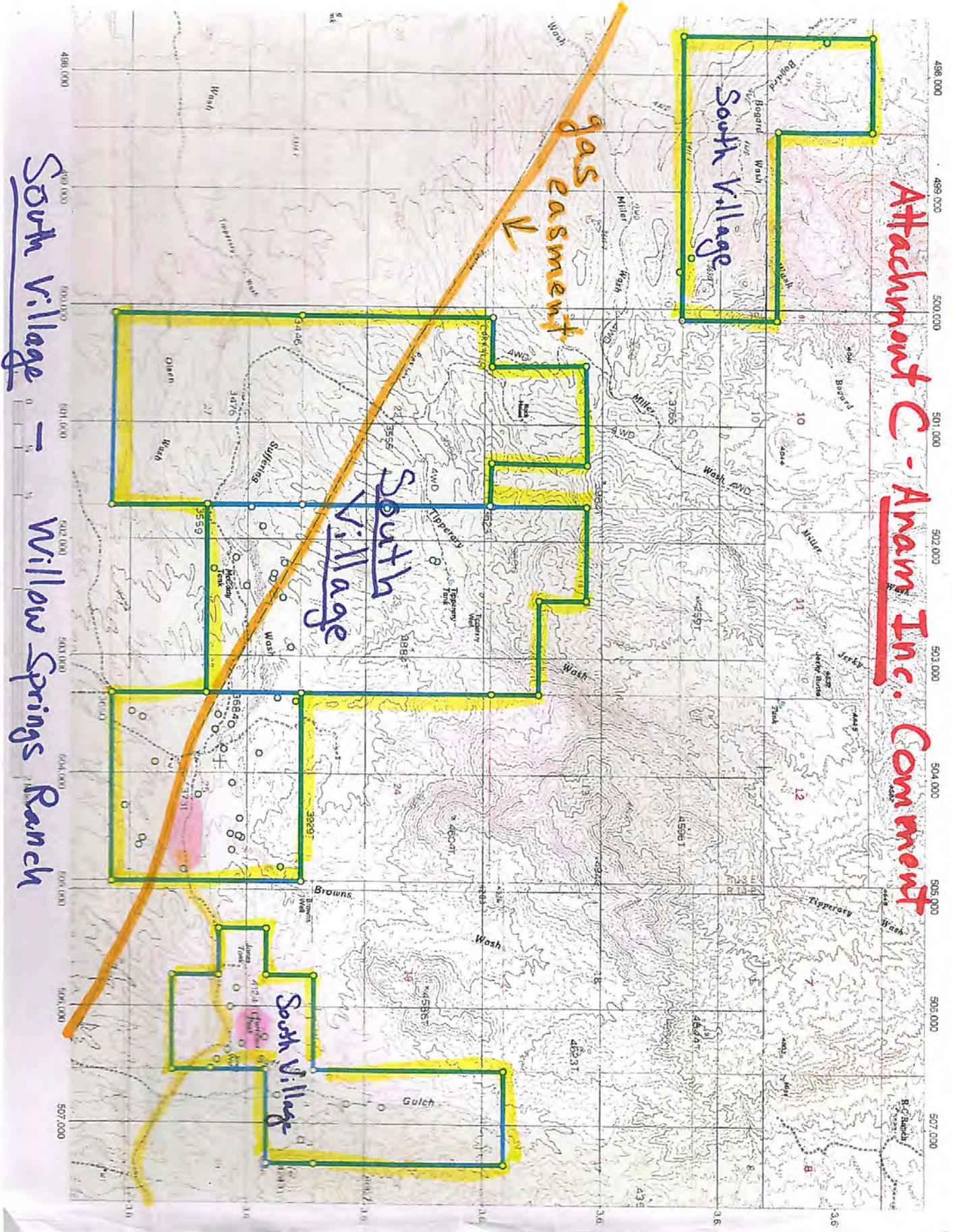

Jennifer L. Sacksen, President

July 7, 2010

Anam Inc., 1600 E Hanley Blvd., Suite 128, Tucson Arizona 85737 tel(520) 742-7007

Attachment B - Anam Inc. Comment





South Village

Willow Springs Ranch

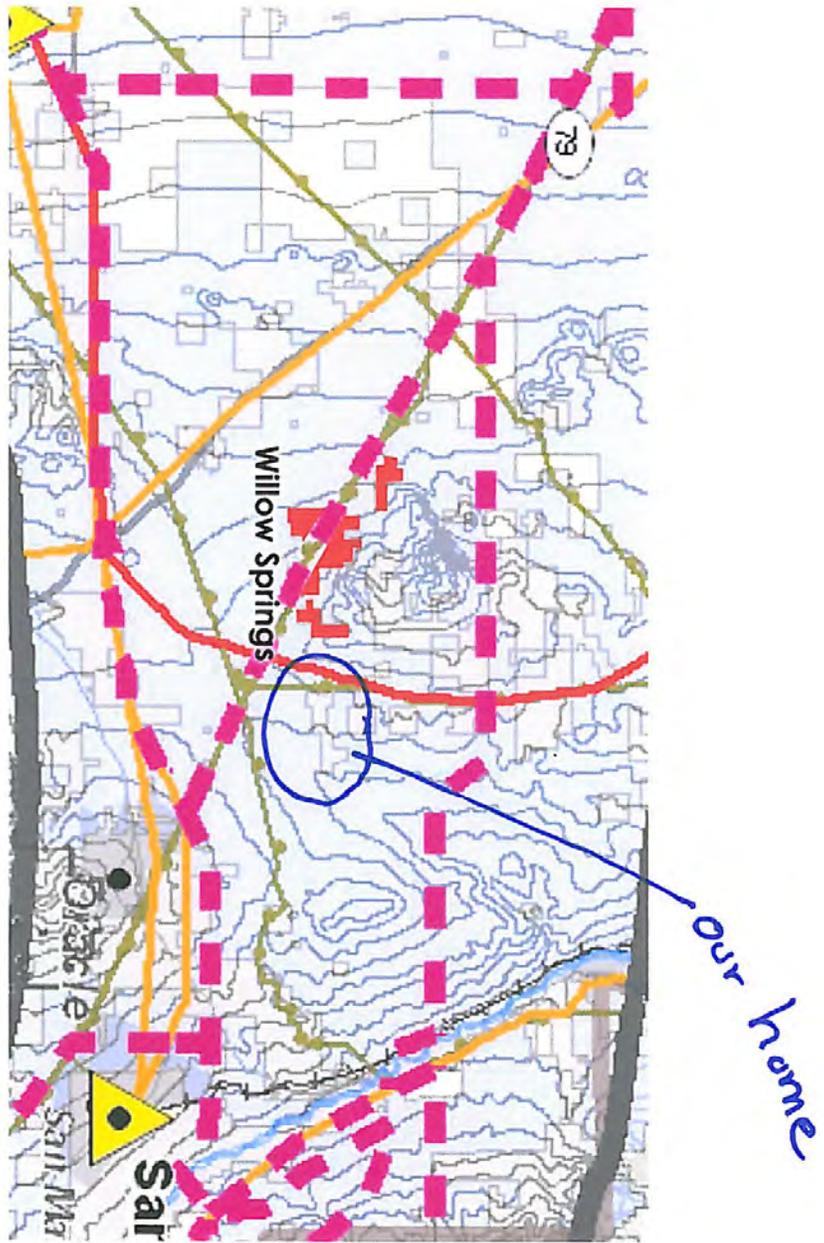
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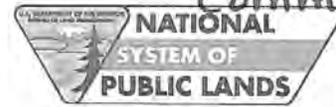
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Attachment D - Anam Inc. Comment



SunZia Southwest

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SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement

Kevin Tarbox

NAME:

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ADDRESS

Tucson, AZ 85711

CITY

STATE

ZIP

Willow Springs Properties

Organization (if applicable)

Add to mailing list Yes No

Withhold personal information* Yes No

Receive notification of
EIS availability? Yes No

COMMENTS:

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that a potential routing alignment for a SunZia transmission line is in consideration which would dissect our 4600 acre Master Planned Community Willow Springs. Willow Springs Properties has been designing and engineering this project since 2004 and we have invested millions of dollars to date. Your proposed alignment through our project would have a significant negative impact to this future community.

This location was chosen for this community for many reasons including the beauty of the rolling hills at the foothills of the Black Mountains. To allow you to get a true sense of the future of our project, I have also mailed our Marketing Book. Please consider our project when you look to locate the SunZia transmission line and take into consideration our investment and efforts. This transmission line would scar our project and potentially devalue our project to a point that would not allow us to continue. Willow Springs would welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone about our concerns.

Thank you

Kevin Tarbox
Managing Member
Willow Spring Properties L.L.C.

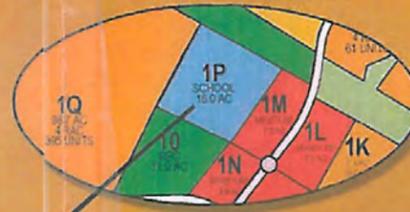
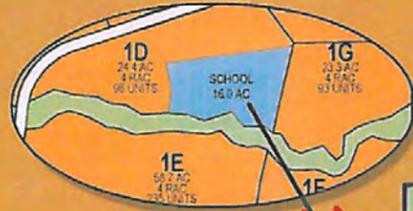
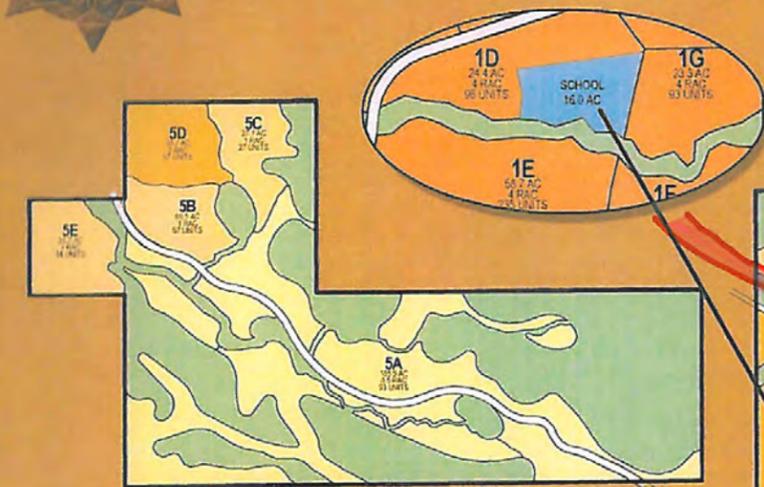
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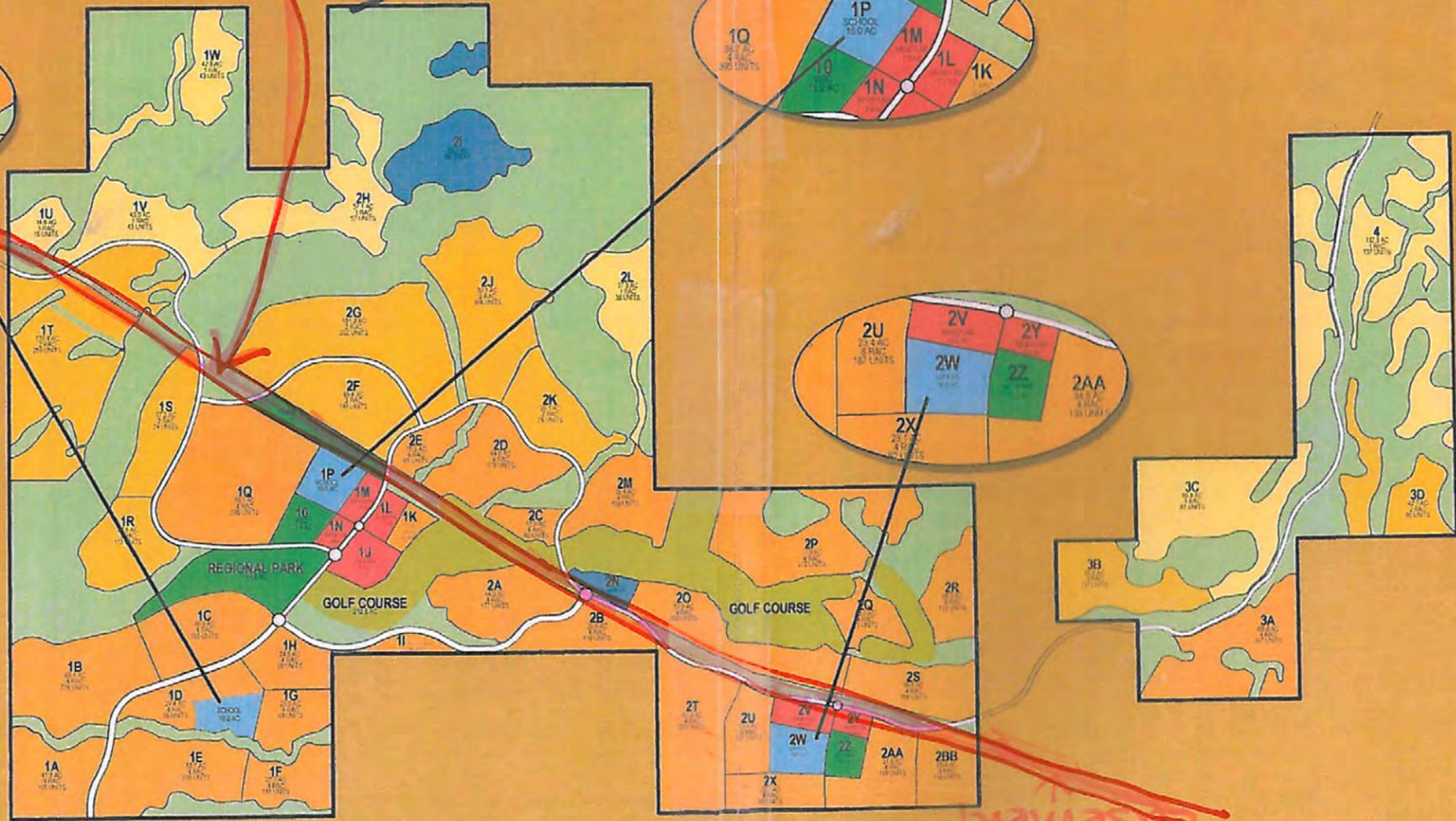
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Attachment F
Anam Inc. - Component

Gas easement



- LEGEND**
- RESIDENTIAL (4-8 RAC)
 - RESIDENTIAL LOW (2-3 RAC)
 - RESIDENTIAL ESTATE (1 RAC)
 - RESIDENTIAL RURAL (0.5 RAC)
 - MIXED USE
 - PARKS & RECREATION
 - SCHOOLS
 - AMENITIES (CLUB & RETREAT)
 - GOLF COURSE
 - OPEN SPACE



Gas easement





WILLOW
springs
TOWN CENTER



Attachment H - Anam Inc Comment

Joan K. Donaldson
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 Mountainair, NM 87036

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 STATE OFFICE
 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Mr. Adrian Garcia, Project Manager SunZia Transmission Project
 BLM New Mexico State Office
 P.O. Box 27115
 Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

Re: SunZia Alternate High Voltage Transmission Line #2, starting from a proposed substation near Corona, NM in a northwesterly direction through northeastern Socorro County just south of Rayo Hills and the southeastern corner of Torrance County going westerly along the southern boundary of Sevilleta NWR across the Rio Grande river.

Dear Mr. Garcia,

I have been ranching in this area for 25 years. Alternate route #2 would go through the north end of my ranch just south of Rayo Hills. I am strongly opposed to proposed alternate route #2 for the following reasons:

1. Cancellation of Rancher's Contracts With WSMR

Approximately 60 ranchers located in the Northern Call-up Area of White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) have contracts with WSMR. These contracts have been in effect since the 1950's. Cancellation of these contracts would have a severe negative economic impact on these ranchers. My own contracts with WSMR currently constitute about 65% of my income. The loss of these contracts would be devastating to me. If WSMR were to cancel these contracts SunZia must compensate us for our loss of income.

2. Devaluation of Property

In addition to the loss of income due to loss of WSMR contracts the proposed alternate line would cause a major devaluation of our property and ranches.

3. Danger to Low-flying Military Helicopters

The line crossing my ranch as well as neighboring ranches would be in military air space and would be very dangerous to low-flying military helicopters which would have difficulty seeing the lines especially in inclement weather -- especially at night. And there are many night flights. Collisions with these lines would be very possible.

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4. Rugged Terrain

Because of the rugged terrain, that portion of the line crossing my ranch cannot be reached over land and so would have to be constructed and maintained by helicopter, thus violating military air space.

5. Pristine Area

This area is a pristine area and remains virtually undisturbed. There are no railroad tracks, paved roads, long distance electric transmission lines, gas pipelines or other disturbances in this area.

6. Archeological sites

The alternate proposed route would be going through and over several important archeological sites.

7. Cancer Effects on Humans

Many studies have been done to determine the effect of high-voltage transmission lines living or working near these lines. While the overall medical effects are uncertain, many of these studies showed an increased occurrence of cancer for these people.

8. Effect on Livestock and Wildlife

Studies have shown that the large electromagnetic radiation emanating from high-voltage transmission lines adversely affects livestock and wildlife as it interferes with their migratory instincts. An Iowa study showed that livestock congregated under the high-voltage transmission lines thus interfering with their grazing habits. It must be remembered that livestock on our ranches are part of the food chain, and the less trauma and disturbance they suffer the better. The radiation would also affect the Wildlife and Waterfowl NWR's along the Rio Grande river by interfering with their migratory instincts of these wildlife and birds.

9. Liability

At the present time, the State of New Mexico has no guidelines or standards for the construction of high-voltage transmission lines, nor for liability resulting from damage to property and harm to humans and livestock. The question arises should damage or harm occur, who pays? Who compensates the people or owners of livestock?--the State of New Mexico?, the Federal Government?, or SunZia?

Further, if SunZia declares bankruptcy or ceases to exist, what happens to these transmission lines? If the lines are abandoned and someone is injured, what happens? Who is responsible? Who compensates? All these questions must be answered prior to construction of the lines.

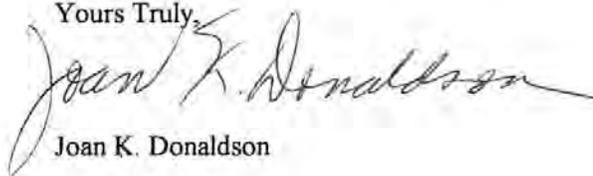
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In conclusion, for all of the above reasons I remain strongly opposed to alternate proposed route #2.

Also, I would like to be on the mailing list for any information about SunZia Southwest Transmission Project.

Thank you for taking care of this.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan K. Donaldson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Joan K. Donaldson

(575) 423-3257

Sunday, June 13, 2010

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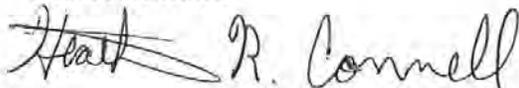
To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Heath R. Connell and I have been a lifelong resident of the state of New Mexico. My family purchased our ranch two miles south of Gran Quivira in the early 1900's which has been the heart and soul of our family as well as the personal connection I have to my homeland. As a New Mexico resident proud of my ranching heritage, I feel that it is necessary to express my utter dismay with a proposal from SunZia Power Company for installing high voltage power lines on or near my families' property at Gran Quivira. This proposal, if put into action will destroy and permanently alter the very foundation of New Mexico's heritage, culture, and economic means of production in relation to ranching.

New Mexico is known for its remoteness shrouding history and heritage, breathtaking vistas and incomparable diverse landscapes; all of which have been protected by New Mexico's unrelenting ability to preserve our heritage and lifestyles without sacrificing our values and culture. Another challenge faces the Land of Enchantment, sacrifice of our culture, heritage and resources for the inflammatory promises of economic gain for the state? I ask, is a high voltage power transmission line, which soul purpose is to export our energy to our neighboring states benefiting New Mexico? The answer is no, allowing other states to use our property and resources for their own personal gain seems a little like prostitution in relation to resources. Individuals whom support such seditious plans for our beautiful state obviously are forgetting the long-term impacts of such types of so called "development." Has anyone considered the impact upon current means of production, land values, physical impacts to land as well as humans, or the destruction of New Mexico's heritage?

I would like to also remind everyone that we still live in the United States of America, a nation founded upon life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Throughout our nations history we have known that the key to our success is property. Americans take great pride in the private property which we have worked hard to purchase and maintain. I am no different; my families' property is the most important part of our families' life and survival in this great nation. For any entity or individual to make any proposal which will affect my property or any other Americans property is nothing less than idiotic. We are capitalists in America and so believe in a free market and free enterprise. So when a company or government makes proposals which can potentially affect private property or individuals without their knowledge or consent that borders on communism and tyranny. This company and our government on county, state, and federal levels have all neglected to adequately inform the general public about their proposal for energy transmission lines which will directly impact our lives. I would like to completely remove any doubt in the minds of SunZia or our government about my stance which is in complete opposition to the installation of this transmission line. Please fully consider the impact and result of trying to go against the will and wishes of the American public. To date anyone who attempts to accomplish a goal without the support of the public undoubtedly fails due to the fact that we are still a nation of the people, by the people and for the people.

Sincerely,
Heath R. Connell



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Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

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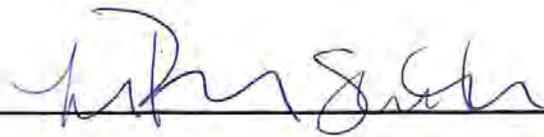
As a resident and land owner in Lincoln County, New Mexico, I am writing to express my support for the SunZia southwest Transmission Project. This project will help stimulate the local economy, bring needed jobs and tax revenue.

Lincoln County has been blessed with an abundance of renewable energy resources, including wind, solar, geothermal and biomass. Full development of these resources will create personal income from land sales/leases, construction jobs, fulltime jobs, as well as government revenue from sales taxes, property taxes, and income taxes.

However, full development of the area's renewal resources is currently being hampered because there is a lack of high voltage transmission access. The SunZia project would provide needed transmission access.

Sincerely,

Lucy Ranney Smith



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Mr. Adrian Garcia
Bureau of Land Management
SunZia Transmission Line Project
P.O. Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

Dear Mr. Garcia:

This letter will address the proposed 500 kv power line proposed by SunZia. The E-80-110-120 proposal would cross my land south of Gran Quivira, N.M. I am completely and totally against any power line crossing my property and will never agree to such a thing without a fight. I believe it is a crime for corporations such as SunZia to make these proposals without consulting the landowners. Nothing like this should ever be done without properly informing, consulting, and working with private and public landowners. The way this has been done makes it appear that SunZia was trying to pull the wool over all of the landowners eyes and have it done before the landowners ever found out. This is still America, and, "we the people" still have a few rights left. I'm sure there are attorneys who would love to have a case such as this. This is wrong and should be squelched now. If not, SunZia should be preparing for more lawsuits than they can imagine possible.

Sincerely,



Lola A. Harris
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Mountainair, NM 87036

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New Mexico State Office
SunZia Southwest Transmission Project
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115
Dear Sir/Madam:

As a resident and land owner in Lincoln County, New Mexico, I am writing to express my support for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. This project will help New Mexico achieve the goal of developing the state's renewable resources.

New Mexico has taken a number of steps to encourage the development of renewable resources such as implementation of a renewable mandate of 20% by 2020, and the creation of the Renewable Energy Transmission Authority. The state's leaders recognize the value of converting wind, solar and geothermal resources into electricity and how it helps diversify the state's economy and achieve energy independence.

The final steps towards fully enabling this goal will be the creation of transmission capacity to deliver the electricity to market. Without access to transmission, many of these renewable resources will remain stranded.

The SunZia project should be granted all necessary permits to help New Mexico remain a leader in clean energy.

Sincerely,



of Ranney Ranch
Corona, NM

From: [Diane Asch](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Diane Asch](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 07/01/2010 07:09 PM

Jul 1, 2010

Mr. Adrian Garcia
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Diane Asch
2473 S Kevin Dr
Tucson, AZ 85748-8154

From: [Pamela Berryhill](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov; [Alison Brown](#)
Cc: 'Pamela Berryhill'; cberryhill@cox.net
Subject: Comments and Considerations on the SunZia Transmission Project - in the state of New Mexico
Date: 07/12/2010 10:32 AM

Hello

We are writing to you regarding the environmental impact and feasibility study being conducted in the state of New Mexico for the SunZia Transmission Project.

Just over three years ago, we purchased a 20 acre property within Deer Canyon Preserve, an 18,000 acre wildlife and land preserve located approximately three miles south of Mountainair, New Mexico.

We plan to move to New Mexico before the end of 2010 and we chose to purchase this land because of:

- The beautiful, unobstructed valley below us and vistas of the Manzano Mountains, giving us the opportunity to just breathe
- The commitment of the Preserve to protecting this incredible open wildlife and flora / fauna area from extraneous development of any kind
- And the ancient pueblo ruins south of us about 10 miles (Abo Pueblo), northwest of us approximately 10 miles (Gran Quivira Pueblo), as well as on the Preserve itself

If you are interested in learning more about Deer Canyon Preserve and the community's unique goals, please visit the website at: www.dcpreserve.com.

As we are reading and researching the SunZia Transmission Project, the BLM maps seem to illustrate "Alternate Routes Subject to Feasibility Study" and give consideration of routes that run very close, if not through, our very borders of Deer Canyon Preserve. These alternate routes also appear to run through Liberty Valley, within direct sight of the Gran Quivira Pueblo ruins. It is our position that these locations are to be protected from such invasive development as a high capacity transmission line. Please give great consideration when you evaluate these potential environmental impacts as you develop the Environmental Impact Statement associated with this project.

We would appreciate being kept informed on the progress of this transmission project as BLM continues its evaluation of potential routes. Please add our names to the project's mailing list to receive routine updates. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to address our serious concerns with you.

Craig and Pam Berryhill
22 Alamos
Foothill Ranch, CA 92610

(Soon to be:
20 San Miguel Trail
Deer Canyon Preserve

Mountainair, NM)

From: [Bettina Bickel](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Bettina Bickel](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 06/16/2010 08:35 PM

Jun 16, 2010

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Bettina Bickel
9218 N 51st Dr
Glendale, AZ 85302-3401
(623) 939-1667

From: joan_rockman
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Object to power lines
Date: 07/04/2010 01:23 PM

When I was 13, they built the San Juan power plant and polluted the entire 4 corners area. The power was to be sent to Los Angeles.

I was very upset and wrote the governor to object. I'm still upset about that. Now another wolf in sheep's clothing - "green power" is here.

DO NOT BUILD POWER LINES TO TRAFER LARGE AMOUNTS OF POWER ANYWHERE.

For many many years, RMI.org has talked about local generation. If the folks using the power can't live with the means to acquire it, then cut them off!

Why aren't there solar cells on EVERY Car, house, building, etc? Small scale wind can go on homes as well. Don't scrape the desert landscape to make it safe for the power lines, bird killing windmills, or acres of solar cells. Half the power is LOST in the transmission. Stop this madness.

Put the power where the people are and stop destroying my home.

Do not build the power line.

Joan Bockman
New Mexico Native

From: [false](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Proposed Route for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project
Date: 07/11/2010 12:31 PM

We are opposed to having the transmission lines on the two (2) alternate routing in the Deer Canyon and the Gran Quivira areas. Deer Canyon is part of a nature preserve and Gran Quivira has significant historical meaning to the New Mexico area. Placing power lines through either of these areas would deface the pristine nature of these areas and diminish the nature beauty that is attracting more and more people to New Mexico, particularly this area.

The initially proposed routes, north of White Sands Missile Range, seem to be a better location choice since the area already contains large areas of land that are already occupied by various military bases.

Beth and Paul Carleo
1952 Deer Canyon Trail
P.O. Box 837
Mountainair, New Mexico 87036

From: [greg](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: SunZia Southwest Transmission Project through Torrance County
Date: 06/25/2010 11:08 PM

Dear Sir,

I am writing to voice my concern and disapproval regarding the above transmission project. I live just 5 miles West of Mountainair and I understand our Abo/Baranca Canyon valley is a possible route for the power lines.

I must object to the idea of adding yet another high capacity steel and wire eyesore thru an area that many people have used their life savings to retire in.

We already have the Willard high lonesome wind farm transmission lines and feel we have done our part by putting the needs of the public above our 'back yard' esthetics.

Thank you for your consideration

Gregory chakalian

From: [Matt Dean](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: SunZia Transmission Line Project
Date: 07/09/2010 09:07 AM

Adrian,

How can a company get pre-qualified to bid the work? Phillips and Jordan, Inc. would like to be able to take a look at the clearing, erosion control, and access road grading for the SunZia transmission line project. How can we be put on a bidders list?

Thanks,
Matt

Matt Dean
Phillips and Jordan, Inc
8245 Chapel Hill Rd
Cary, NC 27513
Office: 919.388.4222
Cell: 843.241.4411
Fax: 919.388.4225

From: [T D](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: NM SunZia Project - concerns and info/mailling list request
Date: 07/08/2010 09:30 AM

Mr. Garcia,
I'm sure you've heard from lots of Deer Canyon Preserve owners, but please add my concerns to your 'list' and please add me to the mailing list for continuing information on this. Like the other DCP owners, I'm very concerned about the impact of such a large project on the natural and historic resources in the DCP/Mountainair area. Preserve-oriented communities are rare and to implement this project near a such a special preserve-oriented community as DCP would be a significant blow to our efforts. Please consider this as you move forward looking at alternatives. And thanks for listening!

Tina Deaver

From: [Gary Deyoung](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Gary Deyoung](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 06/15/2010 02:59 PM

Jun 15, 2010

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Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Deyoung
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Phoenix, AZ 85009-6528
(602) 258-1496

From: [Tom Ferguson](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Tom Ferguson](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 07/02/2010 03:22 PM

Jul 2, 2010

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Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Ferguson
543 N MacDonald
Mesa, AZ 85201-5017
(480) 966-5418

From: [Paul Frizane](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Paul Frizane](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 07/02/2010 11:11 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Frizane
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(480) 363-6372

From: [Kevin Gorski](#)
To: nmsunziaproject@blm.gov
Subject: Coment
Date: 06/16/2010 07:38 PM

As a property owner in the Deer Canyon Preserve, I am concerned about the possible route of the transmission lines for the Sun Zia Southwest Transmission Project. I feel that Deer Canyon and Gran Quivira are the type of resources that should be protected from these types of invasive projects. Please add my email address to your mailing list for updates to the BLM review process.

Thank you,
Kevin Gorski
Palatine, IL
Mountainair, NM

From: [Mark Hayduke Grenard](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Mark Hayduke Grenard](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 06/18/2010 10:35 PM

Jun 18, 2010

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Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Hayduke Grenard
12810 N Cave Creek Rd Apt 105
Phoenix, AZ 85022-5880

From: [Michael Hester](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Cc: scottwilber@nmlandconservancy.org
Subject: Concerns Regarding the SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 07/06/2010 07:19 AM

Hello:

In 2005, my wife and I purchased a 20 acre property within Deer Canyon Preserve, an 18,000 acre nature preserve located approximately three miles south of Mountainair, New Mexico. We chose to purchase this land to become part of a community committed to protecting this important area, which contains unique flora, wildlife throughways, and ancient pueblo Indian ruins. To learn more about this unique community's goals, please visit the web site at www.dcpreserve.com.

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We are interested in staying informed on the progress of this transmission project as BLM continues its evaluation of potential routes. Please add our names to the project's mailing list to receive routine updates. Thank you for consideration of our sincere concerns.

Sincerely,
Mike and Amy Hester

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From: [Elizabeth Hunter](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Elizabeth Hunter](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 06/15/2010 12:58 PM

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Hunter
1125 W Willetta St
Phoenix, AZ 85007-1900
(602) 254-9196

From: emaildjl@cox.net
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Sun Zia Transmission Line Proposed Project
Date: 07/07/2010 11:07 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regard to the proposed Sun Zia project to put in a high capacity 500 kilovolt transmission line across New Mexico and Arizona. It is my understanding that this line could possibly be built through Liberty Valley near Gran Quivira. As a property owner in Deer Canyon - near Mountainair - I am concerned about this location.

The Deer Canyon property is directly adjacent to this proposed location and is a wildlife preserve. How can this beautiful area be preserved for wildlife with a huge swath of land as much as a mile wide running adjacent to it? This area is a pristine area - there has been little development and the residents have worked hard to keep it that way. Please protect the wildlife of this area.

Additionally, there were no public hearings announced where we could gain an understanding of the proposal and have our objections heard.

Debbie Langenfeld

From: [Tami Linder](#)
To: nmsunziaproject@blm.gov
Subject: Objection to SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 07/05/2010 06:48 PM

To whom it may concern:

Four years ago, I purchased a 20-acre parcel at Deer Canyon Preserve, an 18,000 acre wildlife and land preserve located approximately three miles south of Mountainair, New Mexico. I chose to purchase this land, build a home and relocate to New Mexico to become part of a community committed to protecting this important property, which contains unique flora, wildlife throughways, and ancient pueblo Indian ruins. To learn more about this unique community's goals, please visit the web site at www.dcpreserve.com.

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Please include evaluation of these potential environmental impacts as you develop the Environmental Impact Statement associated with this project. I am interested in staying informed on the progress of this transmission project as the BLM continues its evaluation of potential routes. Please add my name, address, or email address to the project's mailing list so I receive routine updates.

Thank you for consideration of my sincere concerns.

Tami Linder

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(1358 Deer Canyon Trail....no mail)
505.705.0065
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From: [Nancy Lockridge](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Deer Canyon Preserve
Date: 06/24/2010 02:51 PM

My husband and I built a home in Deer Canyon Preserve 2 years ago and plan to retire there in the next 2 years. I've just learned of the NM SunZia project that could possibly be near and affect Deer Canyon Preserve and or Gran Quivera. As I've just heard about this project and have no idea where the proposed routes lie, could you please enlighten me? The maps I've seen show very little detail. It would be a shame to spoil the view we paid so dearly for not to mention disturbing wildlife, bird migration patterns and the three Indian settlement ruins on the mesa.

Thank you,

Nancy Lockridge

From: [John Luepke](#)
To: [Adrian Garcia](#)
Subject: SunZia Power Line Comment
Date: 06/16/2010 09:38 AM
Attachments: [SunZia Powerline comment 6-07-10.doc](#)

Dear Adrian,

Hopefully you can still accept comments for the pipeline project.
Thank you.

John C. Luepke
Klondyke, AZ
520-954-2940

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June 7, 2010

Comment - Sun Zia Powerline Corridor

The preferred alternative route of Sun Zia's proposed powerline development crosses the Galiuro Mountain range in Arizona just north of the Galiuro Wilderness and just south of the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. This is an area of limited vehicular access and high value wildlife habitat. It contains areas of oak-sycamore riparian habitat, which are increasingly rare in the Southwest. The terrain is characterized by steep ridges and ravines, a good portion of which drain into the upper watershed of Aravaipa Creek.

As recently as August 2007, the US Fish and Wildlife Service issued a biological opinion concerning the Bureau of Land Management's request for road maintenance in Aravaipa Canyon and Turkey Creek upstream from the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. Concern was raised about the temporary disturbance of fine streambed sediments and its potential impact on spawning areas for the federally listed loach minnow and spinedace.

The disturbance caused by the clearing of a powerline right-of-way of this magnitude will be tremendous. Building of the associated construction and access roads will be even more damaging. The planned route crosses several large tributaries entering the upper watershed of Aravaipa Creek from the south. The resulting erosion could cause a much more significant and long-term importation of fine sediments into this system, one of the Southwest's most valuable native fisheries.

Although alternative routes proposed in the plan are longer and undoubtedly raise concerns of other citizen groups, the strategy of following existing corridors with established roads and lateral infrastructure would be far less destructive and would be more accessible and secure.

At the informational meeting in Tucson on April 29, 2010, I was able to speak with an engineer from SunZia who corrected my assumption that renewable power was generated primarily in direct current. He also explained the enormous expense involved in transforming HVDC to AC for domestic use.

That said, transmission of HVAC power to planned substations gives opportunities for both linkage to future power generation sources, and points of power distribution to urban consumers. Therefore, is it not more logical to route power lines closer to urban and developed areas where interconnects are more feasible?

The simple answer, of course, is that a certain entity has contracted to purchase the power from the planned renewable generation projects and coal powered plants, and they want the quickest, cheapest route to get it there. This approach is outdated and counterproductive to building an efficient grid system, which will require numerous interconnecting points to balance the varying outputs of renewable energy sources.

I am behind the development of alternative energy 100 percent. In our efforts to make this transition, I hope that we do not lose sight of the true importance of point-of-use generation of power, and the design of an efficiently interconnected grid for commercial renewable power.

Please do not allow this irreversible habitat destruction to take place in our rush to renewable energy transport.

John C. Luepke
Klondyke, AZ
520-954-2940

From: [John Luepke](#)
To: [Adrian Garcia](#)
Subject: SunZia Project Comment
Date: 06/15/2010 12:16 PM

Dear Mr. Garcia,

Is it still possible to submit a comment on the SunZia power line proposal?

John C. Luepke
Klondyke, AZ
520-954-2940

The New Busy think 9 to 5 is a cute idea. Combine multiple calendars with Hotmail. [Get busy.](#)

From: [MICHAEL MISSELL](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [MICHAEL MISSELL](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 07/01/2010 05:09 PM

Jul 1, 2010

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Sincerely,

Mr. MICHAEL MISSELL
4409 N Parent Rd
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314-6468

From: [Eileen](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Comment/ Request for updates re: SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 06/18/2010 01:29 PM

A couple of years ago, we purchased a 20 acre property within Deer Canyon Preserve, an 18,000 acre wildlife and land preserve located approximately six miles south of Mountainair, New Mexico. We chose to purchase this land to become part of a community committed to protecting this important property, which contains unique flora, wildlife, and ancient pueblo ruins.

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Stephen Perry
Eileen Perry

From: [Sally Rings](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Sally Rings](#)
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Sally Rings
4114 E Mercer Ln
Phoenix, AZ 85028-3541
(602) 494-0609

From: [Jocelyn](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: WINDMILL RANCHES NM
Date: 07/11/2010 02:37 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am asking you to please consider **using routes: E10 or E-80 for your project**. I am the owner of 40 acres on the Eastside and currently reside in California, however I plan on relocating to Windmill Ranches in the near future and the last thing I want, is to see transmission lines of any sort close to my property. I purchased my acreage because it was located in pristine wilderness and would like to keep it that way. I hope that NM SunZia can appreciate the concerns of us land owners.

Thank you for your careful consideration to my (our) requests. Please put yourselves in our position.

Mario and Jocelyn Sampedro
Lot 292- Windmill Ranches, NM
(562) 624-4026

From: [Nancy Santori](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Nancy Santori](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 06/15/2010 02:28 PM

Jun 15, 2010

Mr. Adrian Garcia
PO Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

Dear Mr. Garcia,

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The Aravaipa and San Pedro routes would impair watersheds, disrupt important wildlife habitat, negatively impact wilderness values, and interfere with recreation. I urge the BLM to instead consider routes along already disturbed areas, such as highways or existing transmission routes. The proposed Tucson route is the least environmentally harmful alternative, but I also recommend looking into other Tucson routes not yet considered.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy Santori
102 E Briles Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85085-2832
(623) 780-4734

From: glsche@comcast.net
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Cc: lsche@comcast.net
Subject: Electrical power transmission project through NM
Date: 07/03/2010 08:32 PM

To whom it may concern,
I am a landowner in Deer Canyon Preserve, a wildlife preserve south of Mountainair, NM. I am opposed to any project that would involve constructing electrical power transmission lines through NM land that would be visible from the Deer Canyon Preserve Wildlife Preserve. Please log my opposition to this project. I would appreciate a follow-up email on current status and any such plans moving forward; whether through this potential corridor or other.

Thank you,

Gary Scheidt

From: [Tony Schenk](#)
To: nmsunziaproject@blm.gov
Subject: SunZia Project - Environmental Impact
Date: 07/08/2010 09:35 AM

July 8, 2010

Adrian Garcia
Project Manager
U. S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM 87502

RE: SunZia Project - Environmental Impact

Dear Adrian:

My wife and I own 20 acres of land in the Deer Canyon Preserve, which is located near Mountainair, New Mexico. As avid outdoor enthusiasts, we wanted to become part of a community that shared our intense desire to protect and preserve the environment. We decided to purchase this land, which is part of an 18,000 acre preserve, because we wanted to participate in the preservation efforts. All of the property owners in the Deer Canyon Preserve share our deep appreciation for the unique flora and fauna of the region as well as the many historical ruins and sites located throughout the area.

I have been reviewing the maps on your web site regarding those portions of the SunZia Project that are near the Deer Canyon Preserve. The newly proposed and alternative routes for the power transmission lines appear to pass through Liberty Valley and very close to the Gran Quivira ruins. A few weeks ago, my wife and I spent two wonderful weeks exploring and backpacking in the Navajo lands and other BLM lands near the Glen Canyon NRA. It was a sad shame to have the absolute beauty of Monument Valley and the surrounding areas marred by the large network of power transmission grids that have been placed there. I do not wish to see this happen in Liberty Valley and particularly to the vistas from the Gran Quivira ruins. While somewhat of a necessity in our modern world, these transmission grids have become the scourge of the American Southwest.

I ask that you please include these considerations when you evaluate the environmental impact of the highly invasive routes proposed in the SunZia Project. If you have an email list for news updates on this project, please add my address: tonyschenk@aol.com

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns.

Kind regards,

Tony Schenk
Property Owner
Deer Canyon Preserve

email: tonyschenk@aol.com
772-287-5646

From: [Kathy & Michael Shores](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Kathy & Michael Shores](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 07/07/2010 07:03 PM

Jul 7, 2010

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Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kathy & Michael Shores
1021 S Ash Ave
Tempe, AZ 85281-8728
(480) 967-7771

From: [Reed Stahl](#)
Sent By: [Sierra Club Membership Services](#)
Reply To: [Reed Stahl](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia Transmission Project
Date: 07/01/2010 05:39 PM

Jul 1, 2010

Mr. Adrian Garcia
PO Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

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As preservers of nature, the BLM must not disturb any more natural environments. Please try to use the I-10 corridor which we have already compromised.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mr. Reed Stahl
980 N Granite Reef Rd Apt 307
Scottsdale, AZ 85257-4546
(480) 425-8425

From: [Rick Townson](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Seriousley
Date: 06/22/2010 04:42 PM

Are you planing to send those transmission lines across some of our most remote and beautiful lands ? Talk about pull , well someone has it but aparrantly not the little guy!

I live around Mountainair and work here as well , I moved here 26 years ago to get away from shuch eye sores and You have the gall to bring them to us. Well I for one am not happy about this but I also am old enough to know that MONEY TALKS. I for one cant wait for the thing you people will look upon as the Great Uprising of the American People.

JUST DON'T DO IT!!!

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I believe,God has given us what right's we have today and I am not willing to allow men to resend those to which I believe God has given us !

From: [Vanessa Crary Vaile](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Information request: Socorro meeting
Date: 06/20/2010 02:55 PM

Please send information on time and location for the June 22 Socorro County Commission meeting in Socorro that will continue public discussion of the SunZia/BLM transmission line project.

Kindly add me to your mailing / newsletter list for updates.

Thank you,
Vanessa Vaile
Mountainair NM



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June 14, 2010

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Friends of Ironwood
Forest
Friends of Tortolita
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Neighborhood Coalition of
Greater Tucson
Northwest Neighborhoods
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Oro Valley Neighborhood
Coalition
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Neighborhoods
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Education Team
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Sierra Club-Grand Canyon
Chapter
Sierra Club-Rincon Group
Silverbell Mountain Alliance
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Sky Island Watch
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Sonoran Arthropod
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Sonoran Permaculture Guild
Southwestern Biological
Institute
Tortolita Homeowners
Association
Tucson Audubon Society
Tucson Herpetological
Society
Tucson Mountains
Association
Wildlands Network
Women for Sustainable
Technologies

Adrian Garcia, Project Manager
Bureau of Land Management
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Via electronic mail to NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov

**Re: Addendum to June 10, 2010 Scoping Comments on Proposed SunZia
Transmission Project submitted by Sierra Club – Grand Canyon Chapter et al.**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On June 10, 2010, the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection submitted scoping comments to the Bureau of Land Management on the SunZia Transmission Project with seven other conservation organizations from southern Arizona.

The Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection is comprised of 37 environmental and community organizations. Our mission is to “achieve the long-term conservation of biological diversity and ecological function of the Sonoran Desert through comprehensive land-use planning, with primary emphasis on Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.”

With this letter, we wish to register the full list of organizations that comprise the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection as an addendum to the scoping comments we submitted on June 10, 2010.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Campbell
Executive Director

From: [mail](#)
Reply To: [mail](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: New proposed line
Date: 07/22/2010 12:09 PM

Dear Adrian Garcia,

We have recently become aware of a new proposed Sunzia line using the the existing power line. The maps I have seen, show c201 and c260 are over a mile from our home and several neighbors' homes, but the existing power line is less than a 1/8 miles away. So another line with a mile wide corridor would impact us greatly. I support the Cascabel Working Groups for all the environmental protection they want by keeping any new power lines out of the San Pedro Valley. But this concerns our personal health and wellbeing.

Please let us know of the proposal for the use of the existing line. We, the people most effected, would like our opportunity to protect our rights.

Sincerely,

Jude Martinez

From: [Jeff Meister](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Proposed Route for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project through Torrance County
Date: 06/13/2010 09:22 AM

A couple of years ago, we purchased a 20 acre property within Deer Canyon Preserve, an 18,000 acre wildlife and land preserve located approximately three miles south of Mountainair, New Mexico. We chose to purchase this land to become part of a community committed to protecting this important property, which contains unique flora, wildlife throughways, and ancient pueblo Indian ruins. To learn more about this unique community's goals, please visit the web site at dcpreserve.com.

As we understand the BLM maps illustrating "Alternative Routes Subject to Feasibility Study," it appears that BLM is considering routes for the SunZia Transmission Project that run either through or very close to the borders of Deer Canyon Preserve. These newly proposed alternative routes also appear to run through the Liberty Valley, within sight of the Gran Quivira Mission ruins. We view both of these areas as worthy of protection from development as invasive as high capacity transmission line. Please include evaluation of these potential environmental impacts as you develop the Environmental Impact Statement associated with this project.

We are interested in staying informed on the progress of this transmission project as BLM continues its evaluation of potential routes. Please add our names to the project's mailing list to receive routine updates. Thank you for consideration of our sincere concerns.

Jeff and Lanette Meister

From: [CHERYL LUTZ](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov
Subject: Proposed Utility Line
Date: 06/12/2010 06:20 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Mountainair, NM property owner I oppose any new high-power/high -wire utility line that will spoil the scenic nature of this beautiful area. Visual pollution if you will.....

Thanks for your time.

Walter Lutz

From: [Benavides, Lewis](#)
To: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov; cindy.bailey@sunzia.net
Cc: ian@copperstate.net
Subject: SunZia Transmission Line Project
Date: 07/29/2010 11:40 AM
Attachments: [wsrpoa_powerline.pdf](#)

July 10, 2010

Sun Zia Southwest Transmission Project
C/o EPG, Inc
4141 North 32nd Street, Suite 102
Phoenix, AZ 85018

Ref: Proposed Sun Zia Power Line thru the Willow Springs Ranch, San Antonio, NM

To whom it may concern:

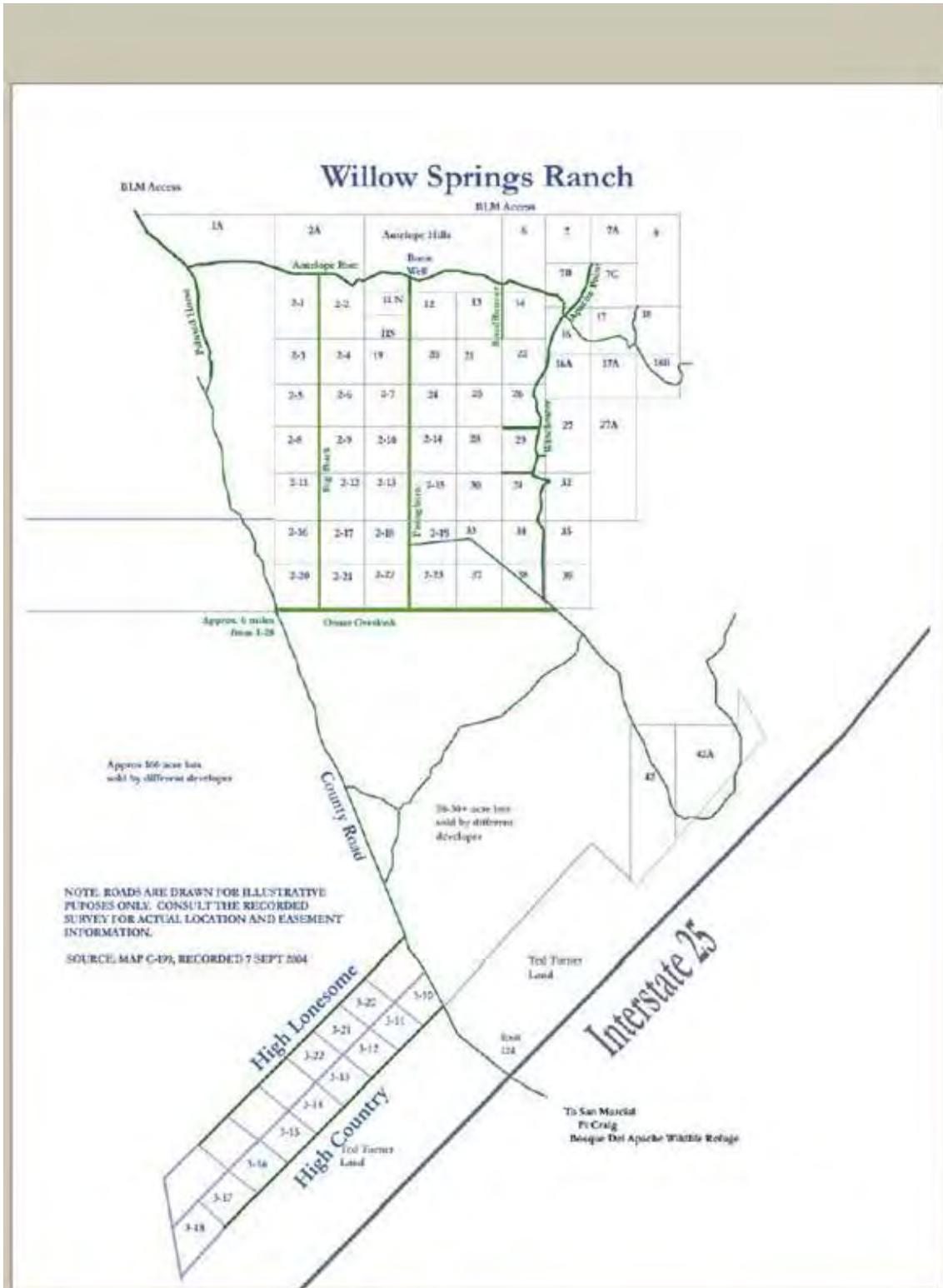
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Regards,

Lewis Benavides
President
Willow Springs Ranch Phase I Owners Association, Inc.
P O Box 204
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