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Thank you for your comment, Rick Garland.

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The maps of the proposed energy corridor provided for public comment are extremely rough guides to the routings of the proposed power corridors. The maps provided do not have the needed resolution to accurately analyze the impact of high voltage transmission towers on scenic, environmental and cultural impacts of the corridors. It is necessary to know routings through specific canyons, valleys, hills, and other topographic features on Federal lands that would be transited by the proposed corridor.

The present maps make assessment of the visual impacts of the proposed route nearly impossible. The likely impacts on important scenic, cultural or archaeological features of Federal lands cannot be determined unless more precise locations and elevations are provided for review and analysis.

A visibility analysis is needed to accurately assess the impact of high voltage towers on the scenic and cultural landscape values, yet this is impossible unless maps with greater resolution are made available to public and organizational commenters.

As an example, the specific terrain elevations of the routes are important, since the extent to which high voltage transmission impact scenic values depends on the elevation of the route above the surrounding terrain. This can only be determined with precision by knowing the terrain elevations of the route. Determining these elevations is impossible from the very rough maps provided.

A reasonably accurate assessment of visual impacts of the high voltage transmission lines through the proposed corridor would require access to standard USGS topographic maps (1:24,000 scale) with the routes through Federal lands overlaid or otherwise marked.

Kindly provide public/organizational commenters with such maps, to enable an adequate.

Our group needs such maps for the proposed routes in California south of 35 degrees north latitude, and for the state of Arizona.

Surely these maps must exist. Please add them so they are available through the web site. Routings shown on maps of 1:24,000 scale are essential to the validity of comment process.

Questions about submitting comments over the Web? Contact us at:

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