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Thank you for your comment, Jon Shumaker.

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Preliminary Draft Corridor Map Comment: M0066

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Comment Submitted:
To Whom This May Concern:

I wish to express my great concern about the proposed energy corridors and their placement across public lands. A number of the proposed (or existing but proposed for inclusion) corridors appear to impact lands of great natural, cultural, scenic, and scientific importance and significance to the people of the United States of America, including but not limited to National Parks, National Monuments, and other treasures.

It is my opinion that the current process is designed in an attempt to do an "end-run" around existing resource protection law such as NEPA, ESA, NHPA, the Antiquities Act, and other laws and statutes. This is unacceptable to myself as an American and a member of the concerned and affected public.

I hereby protest the placement and/or designation of these corridors, proposed, existing, or otherwise, across any public lands whose purpose is the preservation of natural, cultural, scientific, or scenic resource values such as parks, monuments, and other special designation lands, and respectfully demand that these areas be immediately removed from further consideration for these energy corridors.

These corridors are based upon a perception of energy needs; I propose that these so-called energy "needs" are in reality energy "wants." There is no national emergency so great that can possibly justify destroying the very things that make our nation special and unique, our parks and monuments.

Designating these corridors across parks and monuments violates both the letter and spirit of numerous Federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to NEPA, ESA, NHPA, the Antiquities Act, and others.

The above are my concerns on a general level. On a specific level, I protest the consideration of any energy corridors, either existing or proposed, across Arizona's Sonoran Desert National Monument. As the proud American who first proposed this Monument, and one of the leaders who led the team that created the Monument, I can tell you that the monument was not created as a means to simplify putting energy corridors or any other kind of development across the Monument. Placement of a corridor or developing a corridor across the Monument would be a violation of the law and is incompatible with the purposes for which the Monument was established. This corridor proposal across Sonoran Desert National Monument must be immediately removed from future consideration.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. I am happy to offer my

services to assist the agencies in finding more appropriate locations for these proposed corridors if desired.

Sincerely,

Jon Shumaker

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