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Thank you for your comment, Ann Brauer.

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**First:** There is a viable, desirable alternative to the currently proposed route for the West-Wide Corridor being proposed through **Indian Springs, Nevada.** Thrusting the corridor through our community would be devastating and possibly stunt the development of the community forever.

**There is an alternative, more direct route, south of the mountains** that form the southern boarder of the community. Valley Electric Association of Pahrump, NV, is already conducting an EA on this route for possible use for a proposed power line they want to install. Contact Crystal Kuntz, Environmental Coordinator, with Electrical Consultants, Inc., 521 Gabel Road, Billings, MT 59102, (406) 259-9933, email: [crystalkintz@eciblgs.com](mailto:crystalkintz@eciblgs.com), for maps of their proposal. ECI is the company conducting the EA on the project.

**Consider the following impacts to our community:**

**Employment:** These activities will not provide any benefit to the community in the area of employment.

**Community plans:** Energy lines and pipelines will be disruptive of the quiet, rural living desired and enjoyed by residents. We view our community as an alternative to the urban and suburban ways of Las Vegas. We value having animals, watching the migratory birds, and viewing night skies unimpeded by warning lights on tall poles (which would be necessary due to proximity of Creech AFB).

**Housing:** The corridor would impact a quarter to a third of the private property in the community, discouraging people from wanting to build permanent homes in the area now and in the future.

**Visual resources:** The area impacted by potential utility lines/pipelines is located at the highest elevation in the community, and would adversely impact the views of the mountains to the south of the community, as well as being generally unattractive, and dominating the visual impact of the community.

**Paleontology:** The access roads associated with the corridor would open up the area to many ATV and other users who may take and/or destroy any remaining artifacts in the caves used by the Indians.

**Wetlands:** In the path of the corridor is the large spring and other smaller springs and seeps that supply the groundwater for the community. Many of us have our own wells, which rely on the runoff from these springs and seeps. Any disruption of the underground system that supplies these would be permanently devastating to the community, and to Creech AFB.

**Floodplains:** How would the installation of above and below ground utilities affect the periodic floods we get from cloudbursts, etc.? How would these floods affect the utilities?

**Zoning designations/Land use:** The community occupies about one square mile of land, surrounded by BLM and the USAF. Utility corridor use does not conform to the residential zoning of the entire area. Residential uses would be limited due to the location of the utility lines, both above and below ground.

**Property access:** The current path of the corridor is forced across private properties because of the way BLM designated the boundaries on their land. Choices of how a property owner might subdivide properties would be limited by above and below ground utility lines.

**Geology:** The southern half of the corridor is at least partially located in rough limestone, which could force utilities further north into the community.

**Community impacts/Property values:** The installation of utilities in the community portion of the corridor would lower property values, discourage new residents, detract from beauty of the area, and generally be a blight on the community at a time when we have just begun to make some progress toward upgrading the quality of life here.

**Public policies:** Using a large portion of the private property in the community for utilities definitely is not in keeping with community visioning goal.

**Cultural sites/Historic places:** The historic ranch, important to entire history of the community, would be directly and adversely affected by above and below ground utilities.

**Noise**

Aside from construction noise, living under/near humming power lines would be unpleasant, and possibly unhealthy. How would high voltage lines in the area affect someone with a pacemaker?

**Wildlife:** There are several migratory birds that make use of the ponds created by the springs and seeps. How would large towers and power lines impact them?

This listing is not necessarily complete. A thorough study of the economic and social impacts to the community should be completed before locating any utility corridors here as currently is being proposed.