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 In Re: West-Wide Energy)
 Corridor Programmatic)
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1 Further, it must be considered collisions and
2 electrocutions also cause wildfires, power outages and
3 reduce reliability of the service. The wildfire impacts
4 will undoubtedly have broad ecological impacts.

5 Thank you for hearing our comments today and we look
6 forward to their inclusion in the Programmatic EIS.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you. Is there anyone else in the
8 audience that did not sign up but would like to do so? If
9 you would like to, we have the time. So if you would put
10 your name on the card and bring it forward, we will be
11 more than happy to have you do that.

12 We have one more after this. It would be Brent
13 Schoradt.

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14 MR. SCHORADT: Good afternoon. My name is Brent
15 Schoradt with the California Wilderness Coalition.

16 The California Wilderness Coalition is a non-profit
17 organization whose mission is to protect the last
18 remaining wild lands in California. The CWC is very
19 concerned of the corridors potential to negatively impact
20 roadless areas, wild and scenic rivers, designated and
21 potential wilderness areas throughout California.

22 Since the passage of the Wilderness Act of 1964
23 California residents and our congressional representatives
24 have set aside 14 million acres of Federally owned land as
25 wilderness. The California wild land is a national

1 heritage that we've committed ourselves to preserving for
2 future generations.

3 The EIS must clearly demonstrate the corridors impact
4 on California's existing wilderness areas, land proposed
5 for wilderness designation in Congress, wilderness study
6 areas and inventory roadless areas in California.

7 The construction of the corridor in existing and
8 potential wilderness areas will require road building and
9 other development activities that are clearly prohibited
10 by the Wilderness Act. While you've undoubtedly heard
11 suggestions to seek categorical exclusions from the
12 environmental review process, the California Wilderness
13 Coalition urges you to focus on stewardship of our public
14 land and not to undermine our important environmental laws
15 that protect our water, air and wild places.

16 While we applaud your efforts to provide energy
17 corridors and to view their locations of broad landscape
18 context, we ask you adhere to the following guidelines:
19 The EIS must ensure no energy corridor is located in the
20 designated wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, areas
21 of critical environmental concern, roadless areas, citizen
22 promoted wilderness areas or national landscape
23 conservation lands.

24 The EIS must ensure the visual resource management be
25 considered and factored in when designating corridors.

1 The EIS must also ensure best manage practices are
2 explicitly detailed and mandated to ensure the impacts on
3 national resources are limited.

4 The California Wilderness Coalition along with our
5 conservation partners throughout California will continue
6 to monitor the process and will provide written comments
7 in advance of the November 28th deadline.

8 We look forward to the Draft Environmental Impact
9 Statement and working with the agencies to ensure the
10 corridor projects does not destroy the wild land that
11 makes California unique.

12 Thanks.

13 MR. JOHNSON: Is there anyone in the audience
14 that -- come forward to state your name.

15 MR. WARNER: My name is Michael Warner. I'm an
16 environmental planner. I just have a couple of questions
17 and comments.

18 One of the questions I had was whether it's
19 contemplated this grants of right of -- right-of-way in
20 the corridors would be issued as part of the Energy Act or
21 whether they would be flip grants or some other granting
22 authority, whatever is relevant.

23 The second question I have or comment I have is
24 whether there is an opportunity for companies or
25 individuals to engage the project team directly, perhaps

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