

PETITION

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**RE: Scope of planned PEIS for the California Cleveland National Forest Lake
 Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) Project No. 11858-002**

To whom it may concern,

This is a petition to lay claim to rights to use the Cleveland National Forest, as documented by the Special Use Permit (SUP) granted by the National Forest Service, to the pilots of the Elsinore Hang Gliding Association (EHGA), located in Lake Elsinore California.

Of main concern to us, is that the planned PEIS directly address the recreational aviation sport of hang gliding in the Cleveland National Forest, and any impacts that proposed utility corridors may impose on hang gliding activities and the **safety** of the participants involved in the recreational sport. As a note, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is presently studying the impacts of the application by Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Project No. 11858-002, Federal Citation No. 65FR68996, and it's **proposed transmission line corridor**, on the activities of the hang gliding public in the Cleveland National Forest.

In reference to FERC project No. 11858-002, as of the issuance of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Scoping Document 2, entitled "Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and Nevada Hydro Company Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project Project No. 11858", dated January 2005, hang gliding has been added as a **recreational use stakeholder** in the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) project. This is due to the fact that FERC has received thousands of letters concerning the LEAPS project's proposed transmission line, and it's direct impact on hang gliding in the Cleveland National Forest. Also under consideration are the facts that we have been flying at the site of the proposed power lines for **over 30 years**, and that this is **unique, one-of-a-kind**, site for hang gliding, both geologically and meteorologically.

I request to be put on the mailing service list for the proposed PEIS.

Sincerely,
 Michael A. Hilberath
 Vice President of the Elsinore Hang Gliding Association

