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The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management
Adrian Garcia, Project Manager
SunZia Southwest Transmission Project
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

My name is Jakelynn and I am 8. My family and I own 130 acres in Hot Springs Canyon in the San Pedro River valley. I am concerned that you plan to put power lines through this area. This is a very special place to me.

Power lines in the San Pedro River valley are a bad idea for several reasons:

1. This area has important objects from historic communities.
2. Hundreds of animals and birds live and travel there.
3. Building new and bigger roads would be a problem because erosion could hurt our water, it would be easier for plants and animals that do not belong in the valley to get in, and more people could drive around and break native habitats and plants.

It is important to me that you help to protect the San Pedro River valley because I am growing up there. A lot of plants and animals are growing up there too.

Please put the SunZia power lines next to the highway and railroad tracks.

Please keep my family and I updated on your plans.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. – Putting power lines in the San Pedro River valley would be like putting a perfectly good egg in the sun to rot.