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Dear Mr. Garcia

Thank you for extending the comment period on the SunZia Transmission Lines. I have previously made a comment but welcome the chance to make another one.

I am a 10 year resident of Cascabel, a community located in the Middle-Lower San Pedro River Valley. Over the last ten years I have worked as a preservation archaeologist in the community and have had the great fortune of visiting and recording many prehistoric and historic sites along some 60 mile stretch of the river. I am a regional coordinator for the Arizona Site Steward program and train stewards and coordinate the monitoring of sites that are on public and private lands. I can't tell you how very unique and well preserved the majority of these cultural sites are. They are well preserved because of the isolation of this area and because the people here actually care for these resources. This brings me to the point of the SunZia Transmission Lines.

The SunZia Transmission Lines, albeit, admirable in their intent to transport green power across State lines, would have devastating effects on the cultural resources in the valley. New roads developed for the power line will most certainly have an impact on recorded and yet unrecorded sites. Sites along existing roads at present are being severely impacted by erosion and pothunting. Building new roads and improving existing power line roads will only add to this problem through the valley by providing better access to sites in the valley. The San Pedro River valley is a unique area both culturally and environmentally. We have been fortunate to prevent the widespread destruction of sites and environmental resources that have been seen in the Tucson basin and the Phoenix basin where there has been increased development, access and population growth. There are really no other well preserved river valleys left in southern Arizona and the San Pedro should not be sacrificed in order to simply move power from one location to another. Let's come up with some other solution.

I encourage you to use existing developed corridors for the SunZia powerlines. Corridors such as along highways and train tracks are more suitable for this type of project. To destroy the beauty and cultural value of the San Pedro River valley is a terrible price to pay in order to transport renewable energy. This is a very special place that is environmentally and culturally rich and should be preserved for future generations.

Sincerely,  
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