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From: Liz Helenchild <djliz@mcn.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:09 PM
To: pbscommissions
Cc: Julia Krog; James Feenan; Nash Gonzalez
Subject: CORRECTION: re public comments CDP_2021-0051, 7-27-2023

Please pardon the inaccurate statement in my previous comments: "fallen power lines are a fire hazard", now deleted from my letter below. Liz Helenchild

On 7/25/2023 9:30 PM, Liz Helenchild wrote:

Dear Coastal Commissioners,

As a resident of the coastal strip between Ft Bragg & Hwy 128 since the early '70's, I am concerned about many aspects of the installation of poles & aerial fiber optic cables along the Navarro Ridge Road. Please consider a few of them, below.

I object to the visual encroachment on a viewshed unique to this stretch of coastline in an area designated "highly scenic."

I am not satisfied that impacts on the local ecosystem, including nonhuman lives, have been fully addressed.

The poles & cables present a collision hazard on the narrow, winding Navarro Ridge Road, which is not always maintained to standards. Strong winds & heavy rainfall could predictably bring them down. I question that undergrounding the lines ---as in more populated/higher-income areas--- was not seriously considered.

I am not satisfied that this project has advanced to its current state with adequate input from all stakeholders; "railroading" comes to mind.

I feel it is imperative that the Coastal Commissioners & the Mendocino County officials be vigilant, courageous, transparent, & timely in their communications with all involved entities---especially the public.

I urge you to deny CDP 2021-0051.

Please acknowledge receiving my comments.

Respectfully,

Liz Helenchild, Mendocino