

Dear Forest Users and Interested Neighbors:

Under the auspices of the United States Forest Service (USFS) Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (SPPCo) proposes the reconstruction of a portion of the 60 kilovolt (kV) transmission line known as the 634 Line from Foothill Road in the Carson Valley to Tramway Drive near the Heavenly Valley Ski Resort in Douglas County, Nevada (refer to Attachment A). The transmission line is the only high voltage transmission line serving the Kingsbury substation, which provides electricity to the Heavenly Valley Ski Resort and surrounding area. The line also provides a secondary electrical feed to the Stateline substation.

The purpose of this scoping letter is to solicit comments related to the proposed action and its potential environmental effects. Included below is initial information about the proposed action and information about how to submit your comments.

Background: The existing single pole 60 kV transmission line was placed in service in 1956. Although some poles have been replaced during its nearly 60 years of service, many of the poles, insulators, and conductors date to this era. SPPCo has experienced multiple outages on the portion of the line proposed for replacement due to equipment deterioration, and vegetation and weather related events. In 2012, SPPCo replaced three poles along this section because one of these poles had caught fire due to electrical tracking through the old insulator. Currently, this section of the transmission line is considered an unacceptable fire risk.

Purpose and Need for Proposed Action: The purpose of the proposed action is to rebuild a portion of the existing 60 kV 634 line in order to provide reliable electrical transmission to the Heavenly Valley Ski Resort and surrounding area and to reduce existing fire liability associated with portions of the current line. The need for the project originates from the deterioration of the existing transmission line due to age and, site conditions and related wildfire hazards.

Description of Proposed Action: SPPCo is proposing to replace the existing single-pole 60 kV transmission line, from Foothill Road to Tramway Drive, with a combination of single-pole and two-pole H-frame structures to traverse the steep terrain along Kingsbury Grade. The new H-frame structures would be strategically placed within approximately the middle third of the new alignment to allow the transmission line to span the numerous road crossings and canyons along the alignment, reducing the number of structures from the existing thirty (30) poles to seven (7) H-frame structures along this portion of the line. The transmission line would be rebuilt at 120 kV standards, but would be operated at 60 kV. SPPCo has neither the ability nor the intention of operating the 634 Line at 120 kV now or in the near future.

The portion of the 634 Line to be rebuilt would begin at Foothill Road, approximately one mile south of the intersection of Foothill Road and State Highway 757 (Muller Road). The 634 Line would travel uphill crossing and paralleling State Route 207 (Kingsbury Grade) through sections 19, 27, 28, 29, and 30 of Township 13 North, Range 19 East (T13N, R19E) of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M) in Douglas County, Nevada. The proposed line would end adjacent to a knoll on the west side of Tramway Drive, although the existing transmission line continues on to Liberty Energy's Stateline substation.

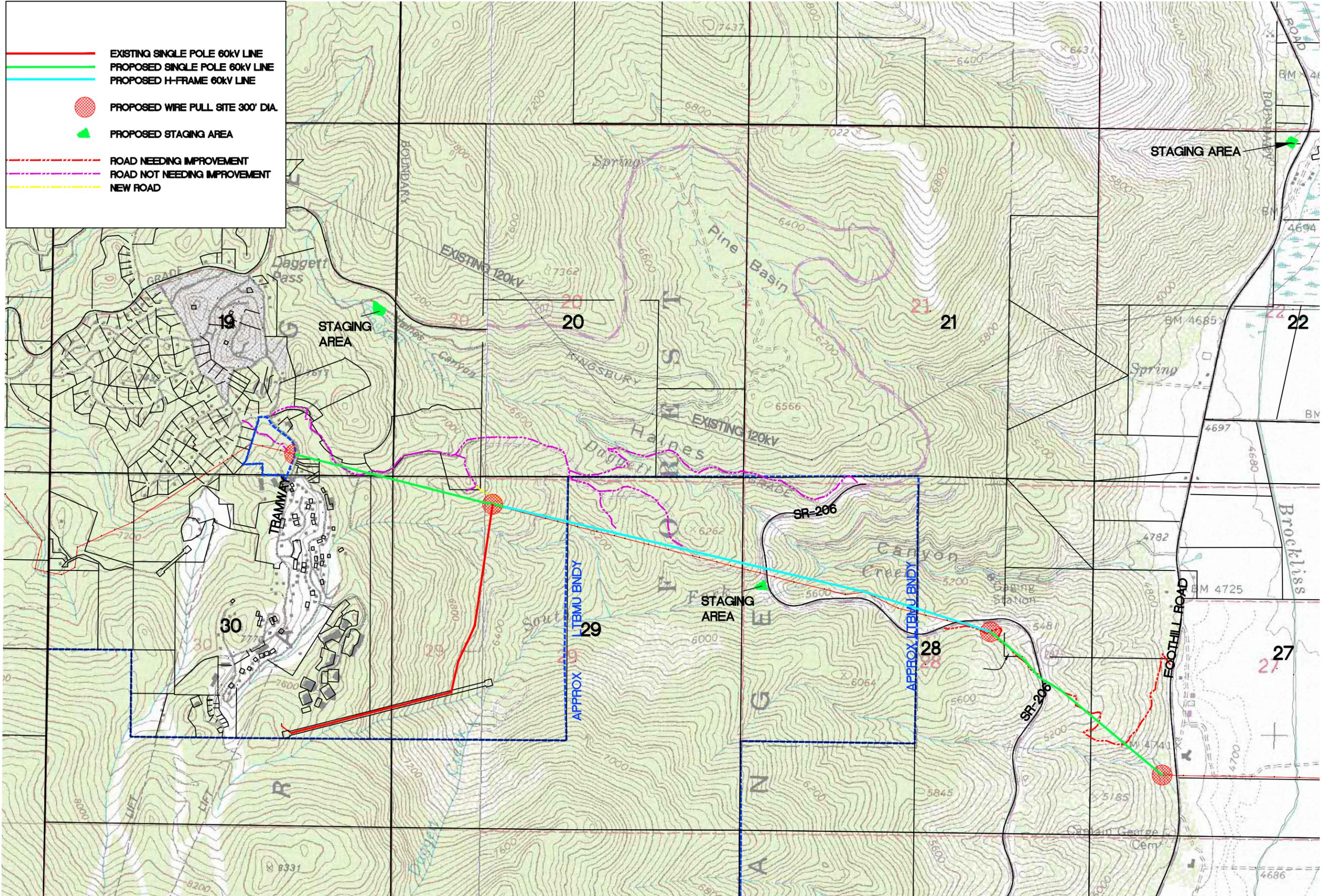
The USFS has determined that consideration of the proposed action would require preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), along with supporting technical studies and surveys for biological and cultural

resources. You are invited to participate in the planning process by letting us know if you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns about this proposal. The proposed action would be fully analyzed prior to any final decisions on the project, including determining final project design details.

For this effort to result in the best possible outcome for people and the environment, please provide your questions, concerns, suggestions, or any other information you may have regarding the project by May 30, 2015.

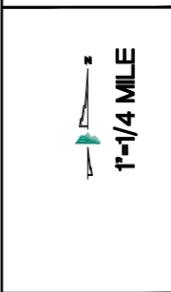
SPPCo identified their environmental consultant as the primary point of contact to collect comments. Comments may be submitted by email to Amec Foster Wheeler's Project Manager, Ms. Juliana Prosperi at: juliana.prosperi@amecfw.com. Comments submitted to the environmental consultant would be considered by the USFS LTBMU. Comments are a matter of public record and as such may be provided to interested parties upon request. Thank you in advance for your participation in this process.

- EXISTING SINGLE POLE 60KV LINE
- PROPOSED SINGLE POLE 60KV LINE
- PROPOSED H-FRAME 60KV LINE
- PROPOSED WIRE PULL SITE 300' DIA.
- ▲ PROPOSED STAGING AREA
- ROAD NEEDING IMPROVEMENT
- ROAD NOT NEEDING IMPROVEMENT
- NEW ROAD



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Attachment A



634 LINE
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