From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 4 17:32 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Alternative D, NativeTree Destruction, Tecate Cypress)

Sunrise EIS Response: Alternative D, Native Tree Destruction, Tecate Cypress.

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: the draft EIS Does not contain any note of the rare Tecate Cypress along this route. Several examples of this very rare tree are located between D-5 and D-6.

1. Why were these trees not noted in this report?

2. Will you be sending biologists in to check on these trees which are almost 4 feet high and clearly visible?

3. What damage to these Tecate Cypress will construction of Alternative D and 25 miles of access roads cause to these trees.

4. If mitigation is your answer, who will you mitigate a tree that only grows naturally in two areas in the United States?

Thank You, Nathan Weflen

From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 4 17:30 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Alternative D, NativeTree Destruction)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: the draft EIS refers to exactly 616 trees (E.3.2-7) will be trimmed or destroyed in this route. Please provide me with more information on how you reached this conclusion when only 30% of the proposed route was surveyed. Will you do an exact count on how many trees will be destroyed if the line and the required access roads are built? In addition, please address whether you included the 25 miles of new access roads in your tree count that would be required if Alternative D was used for the Sunrise Powerlink.

Thank You, Nathan Weflen

From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 4 17:20 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Biological Survey records)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: the draft EIS refers to Biological Surveys. Please answer the following questions in regards to survey techniques:

1. Was a GPS used to survey Alternative D? This is specific to all surveying to find items of biological significance including Plants and Animal.

2. If No, why was a GPS not used so we can cross check your data?

3. Was a track log or record of your on the ground foot travel made as you did the biological survey?4. If yes, will you please make that track log public information for examination?

5. What percentage and number of miles of the Alternative D, North of Interstate 8 route was covered by survey personal on foot?

6. What were the dates of the surveys along the Alternative D route? Where the plant studies done in accordance with standard practice which is to survey for plants in the flowering (wet) season?

Thank You, Nathan Weflen

From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 4 17:19 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Alternative D, Western Pond Turtles, Ceder Creek)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: the draft EIS refers to the fact that no Rare Western Pond Turtles were found in Boulder or Cedar Creeks. Please explain the following picture taken on April 7, 2007. The Picture shows a large Western Pond Turtle sunbathing in Cedar Creek near D-13 of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Alternative D.

1. Why did biologist not find any Western Pond Turtles in Cedar Creek?

2. Why was the survey of this area for water-based animals done during the hotest part of the year when Cedar Creek was largly dry?

3. Will you study, and what will be done to further study the construction of the Powerline(Alternative D) and the approximatly 25 miles of new access roads. A study specific to the affect on water-based animals in Cedar creek, Boulder Creek, The San Diego River, etc.



From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Mon Mar 24 19:06 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Alternative D, Santa Anna Wind Studies)

In reference to Alernative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: The Santa Anna winds along the proposed route are extremely high. Wind speeds(recorded by local residents)in fall Santa Annas gust to 100 mph with sustained windstorms of several days with wind speeds above 60 mph.

1. Was a wind study conducted along Alternative D?

2. Why was wind study data not included in the Fire section of this EIR?

A. If a wind study or wind speed data was used, where was it gathered? Please povide a specific location and distance from Alternative D North of Interstate 8. Please comment why local data gathered on <u>www.creekbed.org</u> was not used in this draft EIR? (This weather station is the closest to the proposed Alternative d route near Boulder Creek Road.)

3. Have you documented the number of wind-related powerline interuptions or damage along this stretcch of current powerline? Specifically, numerous service interuptions since the Cedar Fire 2003 in wich a great portion of the line was replace which resulted in numerous wind related incedents since the 2003 fire? Please provide us with a list of Power interuptions on this line since the Cedar Fire and compare these with wind speeds(24 hr data available at <u>www.creekbed.org</u>)

4. More to the point, have you included, and/or will you include the two wind related powerline caused fires in the last two years near D8. First, the Boulder fire (October 26, 2006) which burned from a wind blow-down section of the existing 69kv line and the McCoy fire. The October 2006 fire was extinguish because of airborn fire fighting. Due to the location of (SR2026) of the fires origin and same location of Alternative D line route, This fire could not have been fought with aircraft. Why was this not noted in the draft EIR? Why were these fires not inluded in the draft EIR?

5. The McCoy fire: Why was this data not included in your draft EIR? The McCoy fire burned the majority of the private property Alternative D would cross at D8. This fire originated from a powerline down duriing high winds that brought us the 2008 wildfire disaster. The existing powerline alternative D would follow a line that broke and almost killed 4 families. These families ran out the front door as a wind/powerline fire burned their homes down behind them. Why is the McCoy fire and wind data not part of the draft EIR? Why is there no mention of the McCoy fire in the draft EIR when the fire spokesperson at the EIR (February 2008)told me they included the October 2007 firestorms

in the draft EIR?

6. During the Cedar fire(2003) the majority of Alternative D along Boulder Creek road was abandon by fire fighters as too dangerous due to extreme wind and 30 year old mature chaparel. No attempt was made to fight this fire. Why is this dangerous situation not listed in the EIR report?

7. After all this wind related fire questioning, how can you list the fire danger in the D8 area of Alternative D as "moderate"? Table E.3.15-4 shows only 6% of Alternative D beeng rated "very high" fire danger. The entire area of alternative D from interstate 8 to the San Diego River is considered by most to be an extremely dangerous fire area. Why is this not noted in the draft EIR? This dangerous situation has resulted in numerous closures of the National Forest in this area to all public entry in the fall of past years. Why was this danger not reported in the EIR?

8. Please explain why the tables in the draft EIR, Boulder Creek Fireshed route D Alternative fire behavior trend model, do not show where a fire goes after it reaches the edge of you chart? Comment on the fact that ANY fire along this line with a major wind event will not stop or be stopable until it reaches Alpine, El Cajon, Lakeside, Ramona, and all the other population centers which border the west end of the Cleveland National Forest. Please comment on the fact that ANY fire along Alternative D in a major wind event will result in a fire front 10+ miles wide moving at 40+ mph towards San Diego; as demonstrated in the Cedar Fire 2003.

9. Please comment on how you can have a fuel load 10+ feet high for the full 20 miles of alternative D with 100+ mph annual Santa Anna winds and not list this route as an extremely dangerous fire situation.

10. Please comment on who will pay for a fire that may result from the completion of Alternative D. Please comment on the fact that construction will result in 25 miles of newly constructed roads in the Alternative D area that will result in 25 miles of new spots for cigerettes, illegal aliens, and lost hunters to light fires.

Please address all questions listed in this letter.

From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Mon Mar 24 19:14 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Indian Artifacts, Alternative D)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: the draft EIS refers to Native American(Indian) Artafacts. Please answer the following questions in regards to survey techniques:

1. Figure Ap. 11C-73. South of D-12 Find the word "Access Road" and a line that points to the pond. The point the line points to is an Indian Village. Why was this not discovered in the draft EIR? There is pottery all over the ground in the middle of the Access road you want to use to build Alternative D of the Sunrise Powerlink. Please look at the pictures provided. Pottery is all over the ground. Comment on this.





From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 25 17:55 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Alternative D, Western Pond Turtles, San Diego River)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: the draft EIS refers to the fact that no Rare Western Pond Turtles were found in any watershed along Alternative D. Please explain the following picture taken on March 9, 2008. The Picture shows a burned Western Pond Turtle shell recovered in the San Diego River North of D-13 where the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Alternative D would run.

1. Why did biologist not find any Western Pond Turtles in the San Diego River?

2. What was the date of the biological survey of the San Diego River at this location(D-13? What was the water level at the time of survey? Why was the survey of this area for water-based animals done during the hotest part of the year when The San Diego River was largly dry?

3. Will you study, and what will be done to further study the construction of the Powerline(Alternative D) and the approximatly 25 miles of new access roads. A study specific to the affect on water-based animals in Cedar creek, Boulder Creek, The San Diego River, etc?

4. Why did your EIR not find any Western Pond turtles and comment on this letter, my second letter showing proof of Turtles in the Alternative D route?



From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 25 18:32 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Alternative D, Western Pond Turtles, Boulder Creek)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: the draft EIS refers to the fact that no Rare Western Pond Turtles were found in any watershed along Alternative D. Please explain the following picture. The Picture shows a Western Pond Turtle shell recovered in Boulder Creek South of D-9 where the proposed Sunrise Powerlink Alternative D would run.

1. Why did biologist not find any Western Pond Turtles in Boulder Creek?

2. When was the survey in Boulder Creek done? Please give me and exact date and water temperature. Why was the survey of this area for water-based animals done during the hottest part of the year when The Boulder Creek was largly dry?

3. Will you study, and what will be done to further study the construction of the Powerline(Alternative D) and the approximatly 25 miles of new access roads. A study specific to the affect on water-based animals in Cedar creek, Boulder Creek, The San Diego River, etc?

4. Why did your EIR not find any Western Pond turtles and comment on this letter, my THIRD letter showing proof of Turtles in the Alternative D route?

5. I have now sent you THREE pictures of Western Pond Turtles in THREE seperate drainages that all did not contain turtles according to the draft EIR. Why did an amatuer hiker find turtles while a professional Environmental Survey did not? Please comment on this and whether you will re-survey for the Western Pond Turtles the draft EIR didn't find: but I did.



From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 25 18:48 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Alternative D, Earthen Dam the access road would cross south of D-12)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: the draft EIS refers to an access road which cross a pond on an old earthen dam. This dam was constructed an estimated 50+ years ago of earth fill. It holds back by my very conservative estimation approximately 10 acre feet of water. The access road will cross this dam South of D-12 in figure Ap.11C-73.

1. Will this dam hold the wieght limits required to construct and maintain Alternative D if constructed as proposed?

2. Will this important water storage pond, used by firefighters and animals alike, be protected from damage and alteration? Was this pond and the potential impacts to the surround area (which utilizes this pond)covered in the draft EIR?

3. When and if the proposed Alternative D is constructed over this earthen Dam, who will pay for damage and mitigation to this important water source pond?

Nathan Weflen

From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 25 18:57 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Figure Ap. 11C-73)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: Figure Ap. 11C-73 shows a road named "Cedar Park Road". This road is in fact; and shown on most other maps as Cedar CREEK Road. Is this a mistake? Is the draft EIR attempting to miss-lead the reader? Please comment on Where you got this incorrect name. Thank You, Nathan Weflen

From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 25 19:10 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Figure Ap. 11C-73)A

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: Figure Ap. 11C-73 shows the Trans-County Trail. This location is not correct according to USFS who administers this land. Comment on this second mistake on this map. Please supply data as to where

this trail route came from. Please supply agency and name of individual who supplied this route. Is the draft EIR attempting to miss-lead the reader? Thank You, Nathan Weflen

From: Nathan Weflen To: sunrise@aspeneg.com Sent: Tue Mar 25 19:09 Subject: Fwd: Sunrise EIS Response(Figure Ap. 11C-72 and 73)

In reference to Alertnative D of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink: Figure Ap. 11C-72 shows "Grove Drive". This is in fact, BOULDER CREEK ROAD. Comment on this third mistake on these pages -72 and 73. Please supply data as to where this incorrect name came from. Please supply agency and name of individual who supplied this name. Is the draft EIR attempting to miss-lead the reader? Is the draft EIR attempting to miss-lead the residents of Boulder Creek Road to the belief that Alternative D would not follow the County Road known as Boulder Creek Road. Where all of the residents of Boulder Creek Road notified about Alternative D Route? Or did this mistake carry forward to all mailing lists on the proposed Alternative D? Thank You, Nathan Weflen