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To: ECOSUB; catulewind@blm.gov

Subject: This version of my comments includes our address as requested in your handout. Thank you.

Dear Mr. Fisher, Mr. Thomsen,

My name is James Freeburn. I met Iain Fisher tonight at the Boulevard informational meeting and discussed the routing of power lines around the private airstrip off Jewel Valley Rd and subsequently through my properties.

I write on behalf of over 100 people who form our greater church community to support the proposed alternative routes designated ECO 3C/3E as opposed the currently proposed route ECO 3B.

Our community purchased three parcels of land in 1994/1995 and began operating a yoga/meditation retreat in Boulevard, CA. We operate out of two tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-profits one of which is recognized as a church by the IRS. Our church is called New Being Project and our land holding non-profit is called Rasayana. One of our major parcels and a smaller one are held in trust by long standing community member Luke Gordon of Denver Colorado. All together our adjacent parcels span 165 acres. We have been holding retreats since 1995. We have served many hundreds of people, many for free. Our church is non-denominational and is guided by the wisdom of many saints and masters of yoga and the world's religions. People come to get away from the hustle and bustle of their personal lives and hectic city life. We offer space to meditate, learn, heal, and rejuvenate. We host many groups and programs. We have given free food and free healing experiences to many locals and people who have travelled from afar to be with us. Our community is 37 years old and has done a lot of good work for the local community and beyond.

Proposed route ECO 3B jogs around an improperly zoned, unpermitted airstrip and effectively cuts our property in half by running along the border of the two major adjacent parcels both of which we own and out of which we operate our yoga/church retreat facility. It then runs along side our 40 acre parcel and cuts back across at the northern end. It comes within a few hundred feet of some of our buildings. The power lines will greatly detract from the strikingly natural setting which is home to our retreat center. EMF is also controversial and not a good image for our healing and detox purposes.

No doubt our neighbors will also be negatively impacted by the power lines running through all the residential properties along side ours. It appears that alternative routes ECO 3C/3E are a shorter, more direct route and impact residential property to a much lesser degree.

We implore the planners of this project to adopt the ECO 3C/3E alternatives. Please represent our concerns appropriately in your planning process. Thank you very much.

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