

SAMPLE LETTER

Please customize the following sample letter to better express your personal views on protecting the Cleveland National Forest from the Sunrise Powerlink. Your letter can also be emailed to Mr. Metz at wmetz@fs.fed.us

[Date]

Mr. William Metz, Forest Supervisor
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Re: Reject Sunrise Powerlink

Dear Mr. Metz:

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you reject construction of the unnecessary and destructive “Sunrise Powerlink” transmission line project across the Cleveland National Forest, including roadless areas and sensitive lands.

I believe the fundamental purpose of the Cleveland National Forest should be the protection of natural lands, wildlife, scenic views, and recreation. The powerlink would be in fundamental conflict with all of these values.

It’s also crucial that the Forest Service act to minimize the risk of wildfire. Yet the powerlink would radically increase the risk of fire and interfere with firefighter’s abilities to stop wildfires.

SDG&E’s claims that the powerlink is necessary to keep the lights on and deliver renewable energy to San Diego are nonsense. A judge has concluded that existing power lines could meet all of San Diego’s renewable energy needs for years to come. And environmental documents for the project ranked two other non-forest, local energy generation alternatives as better choices than the route across the forest.

Please uphold your mission to protect the Cleveland National Forest and uphold the public interest mandate of the Forest Service to “care for the land and serve the people.” Please reject the powerlink.

Sincerely,
[Your name]