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Dear Mr. Carpenter;

I have reviewed your company's proposal to construct, maintain, and operate high voltage transmission lines within a 500 foot wide corridor defined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Resolution Copper Project and Land Exchange (August 2019) to provide additional electricity needed to meet the electric power demands of the expanding Resolution Copper Mine near Superior, Arizona. Based on the initial documents provided (i.e. cover letter, SF-299, and attachment dated 11/11/2020), the proposal passes the first and second level screening criteria as outlined in FSH 2709.11, Chapter 10 and is consistent with direction in PL 113-211 Section 3003(c)(9)(b). At this time, I accept your proposal as a formal application to be fully evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), its implementing regulations, and agency NEPA procedures as outlined in FSM 1950 and FSH 1909.15.

It is understood that this proposal is preliminary and additional design, review, and other regulatory processes are required before an authorization will be issued. It is also understood that the need for this use is reliant on the proposed Resolution Copper Mine and will only be constructed if the need is confirmed. It is assumed that the proposed high voltage transmission line will be located within the 500 foot wide corridor defined and analyzed in the EIS. However, if the design and other regulatory processes have been completed and it is determined that the proposed high voltage transmission line cannot be located within the analyzed corridor, SRP shall submit a revised proposal and a complete review will be required.

An application number (#GLO479) has been assigned to this Power Line special use application/authorization. This project will remain in "Application Accepted" status until the above-mentioned design, review, and regulatory processes are complete. Please include this application number with all future correspondence.

If you have any questions about the environmental review process, project documents, or your Special Use Permit, please contact your Permit Administrator, Mark McEntarffer, at 602-225-5239 or Mark.McEntarffer@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

TOM TORRES
Acting Forest Supervisor

cc: Mary Rassmussen, Donna Morey

