

The Xcel Power Pathway lines have been revised once again!

Many people who were not previously affected may now have power lines running through or near their property. And the intent is to connect these lines to wind and solar farms which will be built nearby. Go to [ECEA's website](#) and click on Route Map for more information.

Be sure to go to one of Xcel's Open Houses next week and share your thoughts and concerns.

These are some of the concerns that have been raised by members:

- * the negative impacts on wildlife (the lines will change migration patterns, and the Bijou Basin has most of the water for this part of the plains which the animals need)
- * the negative impacts on community (health concerns, views, land owner rights)
- * the threat of fire-trees, dwellings
- * less fire danger east-fewer trees/dwellings, cattle eat grass down
- * property values will decrease by 45%
- * no benefit for the county (power is for metro area, tax revenue gets decreased because of subsidies)
- * destruction of the environment
- * the subsequent wind/solar farms (which will be even more negatively impactful to the environment and community)
- * people in town are excited because they think their costs will go down (but according to the Colorado Sun, their costs will increase by 44%)
- *population density in proposed areas

Upcoming Xcel Open Houses - go to one or go to all! These are Open House format. There is not a formal presentation. You can stay as long or as little as you like.

Monday, 2/28 Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Event Center 4:00-7:00

Tuesday, 3/1 Elbert County Fairgrounds 3:00-7:00

Wednesday, 3/2 Big Sandy Schools, Simla 5:00-7:00

Thursday, 3/3 Edison School District, Yoder 5:00-7:30

Be sure to submit your comment form to Xcel prior to March 17. Go to [ECEA's website](#) and click on the Take Action button at the top to access the form.

We hope to see you at one of the upcoming Open Houses!

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