



Elbert County Environmental Alliance

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Here are some of the concerns that have been raised by members regarding the Xcel Power Pathway Project:

- the negative impacts on wildlife - the lines will change migration patterns, and the Bijou Basin is the best source of their water for this part of the plains
- the negative impacts on community (health concerns, views, land owner rights)
- the threat of fire – this area has many trees and dwellings; there is less fire danger east with fewer dwellings and trees, and the cattle eat the grass down
- property values will decrease by 45%
- there is no benefit for the county (power is for the metro area; tax revenue gets decreased because of government subsidies used in the project)
- destruction of the environment
- the subsequent wind/solar farms which are planned (which are even more negatively impactful to the environment and community)
- people in the city are excited because they believe their costs will go down (according to the Colorado Sun, their costs will increase by 44%)
- greater population in proposed areas
- Xcel states that an environmental impact study is not anticipated to be necessary
- power lines can be built 75 feet from a home
- House Bill 22-1104 would allow Xcel to turn power line easements into recreational trails and landowners would have to carry appropriate insurance and allow the public to access the “trail”
- the decrease in property values will negatively impact school funding, putting our students at a greater disadvantage