

Decision Summary – Energy Infrastructure

Project Name	AVA1701 White River Valley Electric Cooperative Amendment #2		
Forest	Mark Twain National Forest	Region	09
Choose Type of Activity (Wilderness, Roadless, Energy infrastructure, Minerals, Vegetation CE, Land Management Plan) and level of Decision (No DM, DM, DN/FONSI, ROD)			
Energy Infrastructure CE DM 36 CFR 220.6 (e)(3)			
Planned Decision Date	3.15.2021		

Summary Description

Purpose/Need
The purpose of this project is in response to a special use permit application to amend White River Valley Electric Cooperative’s Permit #AVA1701 to allow installation of a new buried 7.6 kV powerline to provide power to a consumer’s new home. The right-of-way for the new buried powerline would be 320 feet in length X 20 feet in width and impact approximately 0.15 acres.
Intended Selected Action
Installation of the new buried powerline would be at a depth of 40 inches inside the appropriate conduit within the approved right-of-way location (320 feet X 20 feet). Tree removal would occur as part of the right-of-way clearing. Any tree removal would be conducted under a Forest Products Permit, separate from the amendment of the existing special use permit.
Potentially Significant Effects or Extraordinary Circumstances (if any)
No significant effects or extraordinary circumstances are anticipated.
Public Involvement (include State, local governments and Tribal consultation)
Internal scoping was completed 01/07/2021. Given the nature of the project, there was a determination that further scoping externally was not necessary. No comments have been received on the project. Public involvement included listing this project in the Mark Twain National Forest <i>Schedule of Proposed Actions</i> , available at http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa , as project number 59388. Tribal Consultation is currently being performed.
Timeline Considerations (statutory, court-related, administrative) and Objections Status
The consumer cannot move forward with construction of the new home until the powerline is installed. Also, to follow the 2005 Forest Plan all timber must be cut prior to April 1 st to avoid any effect or disturbance to federally listed threatened and endangered bats. This decision would not be subject to objection.