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I have a registered airstrip that is not listed in Table 3-135 of landing strips with 3 miles of alternatives. In fact the willow creek route would place a tower within 100 feet of the end of my landing strip, and stop any use by anyone, including crop dusters that have used this strip since the early 1980s. Details on the strip are, Facility Name: Gum Creek Airstrip, Facility Type: Airport, Coordinates 44-10.52N,117-28.13W. Length 1950 Dirt. The strip is 100 feet west of route.

Table 3-100 lists criteria for assessing impacts to agriculture, and states that areas where the project would conflict physically with existing agricultural uses, (ie center-pivot irrigation fields) would be high impact. The Willow creek alt route would bounce across and around 5 of my center pivots and the right of ways would allow for a tower to be placed in the way of several of my pivots and stop their paths, which your report acknowledges would be very disruptive. Yet your report rates the long term disruption to farming on the willow creek route as low. Also my reduced conservation tillage requires sub 1 inch accuracy that I have achieved by having my own 900MHz base station for my RTK GPS auto steering, and the 500KV lines intermittently disrupt this signal and would stop a tractor for hours or days at a time.

Table 3-96 lists the number of Aerial applications per year for various crops, of which I farm at least 4. Your report details how parts of the fields would not be able to be sprayed due to the power lines, and damage from pests, diseases and weeds would have a severe impact on my farm, yet the impact to agriculture is still rated as low. Due to the fact that the proposed route changes angles several times, whole pivots would not be able to be sprayed by air since all angles of flight would run into a portion of the power line.

Thanks for your consideration,
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