

While the CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route was subjected to a rigorous, multi-year federal environmental permitting process along with the rest of the Southline project, which required an environmental impact statement (EIS) that gained final approval through Records of Decision issued by the Bureau of Land Management and WAPA in 2016, it was not included in Southline's CEC 173 from the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Southline plans to submit its application to amend the CEC in November 2025.

Where is the CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route?

Please see the enclosed map. Specifically, the CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route follows the existing WAPA line (because it is in the WAPA right-of-way), starting at the Apache Substation and power plant, located approximately 25 miles east of the City of Benson in Cochise County, Arizona. From the Apache Substation, the Route extends 0.2 miles south and then 11 miles southwest. It then continues approximately eight miles in a general western direction, remaining north of Interstate 10. From there, the Route extends approximately 14 miles southwest, crossing to the south side of Interstate 10. The Route then proceeds approximately 22 miles in a general western direction until it is approximately two miles south of the existing TEP Vail Substation. The Route ends at the existing TEP Vail Substation.

Who will review Southline's application?

The CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route will be reviewed first by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee and then by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

How can I learn more?

Southline welcomes feedback from the community and is soliciting public and stakeholder input on the CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route. If you would like to learn more or have questions or comments, you may talk with a project team member at an in-person open-house meeting or submit a comment by mail, email, or voicemail by the means listed below:

We look forward to receiving your input.

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Tucson, AZ 85701

Email: connect@southlinetransmission.com

Voicemail: (520) 485-5764

Project Open House: www.southlineopenhouse.com

Project Website: www.southlinetransmission.com

Sincerely,



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TRANSMISSION PROJECT

October 22, 2025

Public Open House Invitation for Southline Transmission Project

Dear Interested Party,

This letter provides notice that Southline Transmission, L.L.C. (Southline) will host three in-person informational public open house meetings for Southline Transmission Project, as detailed below:

November 10, 2025	November 12, 2025	November 13, 2025
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Red Barn Event Center	Pima County Fair Grounds: The Palo Verde Room	Willcox Community Center
711 Madison Street Benson, AZ 85602	11300 S. Houghton Rd. Tucson, AZ 85747	312 West Stewart Street Willcox, AZ 85643

All in-person meetings will be open house format. Additionally, you can find a virtual tour of the open house presentation information on the project website at www.southlineopenhouse.com.

What is Southline Transmission Project?

Southline Transmission Project is a planned 280-mile, double-circuit, high-voltage transmission line that will ultimately connect the electrical transmission systems of the El Paso and Tucson areas. In Arizona, the project includes the upgrade of 57 miles of aged wooden transmission structures in Pima and Cochise Counties between Vail and Willcox. Additionally, Southline will construct 72 miles of new greenfield transmission in Cochise County between the Apache Generating Station and the Arizona/New Mexico border.

Why am I receiving this letter?

Southline will upgrade an existing transmission line between Willcox and Vail, Arizona. Southline plans to request an amendment to its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC 173) related to the upgrade and is hosting three open houses to answer questions about the proposed amendment. You have received this letter because you are listed as a property owner within one mile of the planned route.

Why is Southline applying to amend its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility?

Southline plans to submit an application to amend CEC 173 issued by the Arizona Corporation Commission in 2017 (Decision No. 75978) and further amended in 2021 by Tucson Electric Power (TEP) for its Vail to Tortolita Route (Decision No. 77980). The planned amendment addresses the upgrade and replacement of 57 miles of Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) aging 115kV transmission line with double-circuit 230/345 kV transmission, all within WAPA's existing right-of-way between Arizona Electric Power Cooperative's Apache Substation near Willcox, Arizona and TEP's Vail Substation near Vail, Arizona (CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route; Figure 1 enclosed).

Southline's amendment request will ask the Arizona Corporation Commission to add the CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route to Southline's current CEC to allow Southline to jointly own, construct, and operate infrastructure within the Upgrade Route, similar to the 2021 amendment for TEP's Vail to Tortolita Route (Decision No 77980).

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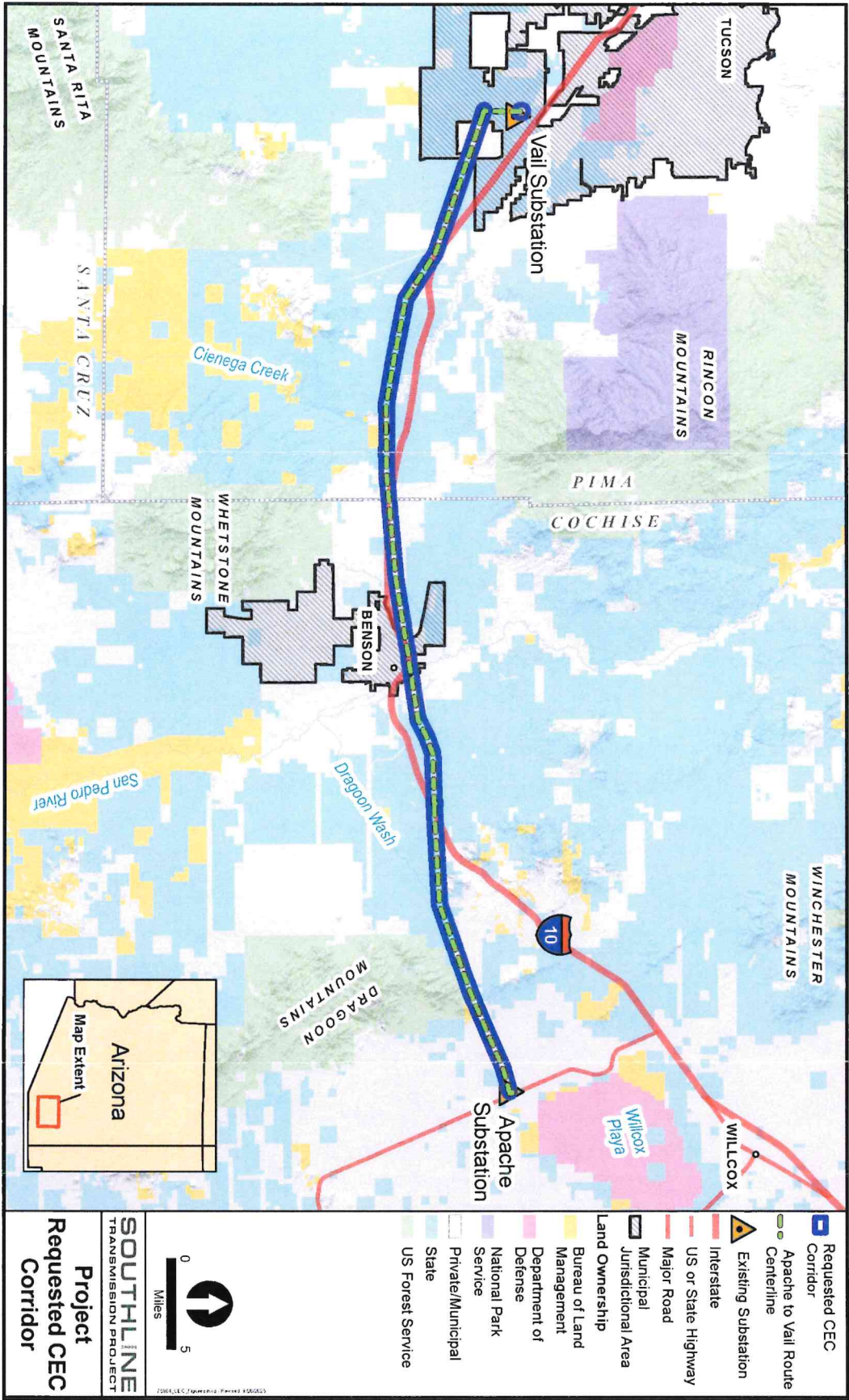
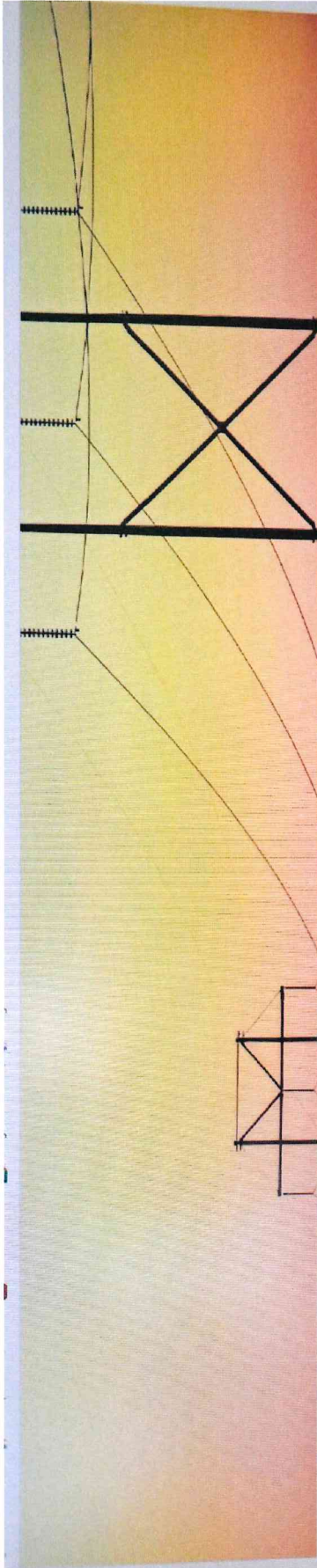


Figure 1. CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route.



You are invited to Southline Transmission Project's open houses

Southline Transmission, L.L.C. is requesting an amendment to its 2017 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC no. 173) to expand Southline's construction approval to include the upgrade of approximately 60 miles of an existing Western Area Power Administration transmission line.

Southline invites you to attend an in-person open house meeting to learn more about Southline, ask questions, and provide input while meeting with Southline representatives.

Date: Monday, November 10, 2025
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Red Barn Event Center,
711 Madison St., Benson, AZ 85602

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Pima County Fairgrounds:
The Palo Verde Room, 11300 S. Houghton Rd.,
Tucson, AZ 85747

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Willcox Community
Center, 312 W. Stewart St., Willcox,
AZ 85643