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PUBLIC COMMENT OF Austin Leigh

I, Austin Leigh, oppose any route that uses Link 1R. Link 1R of El Paso Electric's Pine to McCloud 345 kV transmission line. This route overlaps with Hueco Tanks, a historic and breathtakingly beautiful site that has been inhabited for over 10,000 years.
Many indigenous groups used mineral pigments to create one of the highest concentrations of Painted masks in the US that are still visible today. Additionally, in the middle of the Chihuahuan desert,the park is filled with nature that is super unique in the US. Its unique volcanic formations create an isolated climate that allows for a reliable oasis of water to form in the rock after seasonal rainfall. This supports unique species such as fairy shrimp, which are unique to this area. As an avid hiker who believes in maintaining beautiful spaces in Texas for families to enjoy, destruction of this natural landscape negatively impacts the historical artifacts that fill the park and destroy beautiful landscapes that are both fragile and irreplaceable.

Hueco

Austin Leigh
October 1, 2026