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This comment is relating to the set back requirements for Roads and Recreational Trails

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Three Waters response to EERA staff comments in regards to setbacks for Roads and Recreational Trails is Totally lacking credibility. They claim there is not adequate justification for requiring a setback of more than 250 feet. Three Waters claims 250 feet is adequate to protect public roads from ice throw. I have some justification, proof and rational that it is not. The JCZO setback is more restrictive, but that doesn't make it wrong for the project. Maybe the people living where the turbines are being proposed have reasons why they want the turbines set back from public roads. The example I am providing is of a individual that has involvement with a turbine and its placement by his own shed. The example is a real life situation involving distance and ice throw. The attachment shows a picture of a turbine and a machine shed with a maroon roof. They are approximately 330 feet apart. The roof of the machine shed is full of dents and has had several sizable holes put threw the roof over the years from ice throw. This turbine is right here in Jackson County only a few miles west of Three waters proposed project area. Come drive by it, the dents and holes are visible from the road. If that turbine was placed at 250 feet from the road, that ice would be hitting the road, passing cars or school buses. My kids ride the bus to school. We drive these roads every day. Safety is the reason to require adequate set backs. 250 feet is not adequate. These towers are 499 feet tall, that alone should keep them 500 feet from the road way for possible tip over, or malfunction. Three waters should be well versed in what ice can do around here. There own met tower located in the proposed project area, here in Jackson County collapsed from a ice storm in April of 2019. For them to plan a project and claim hardship over a set back that they were well aware of is absurd. Find other locations or make use of your built in alternate sites. Three Waters should follow the set back rule of the JCZO. Three Waters should not get a pass on setbacks; doing so is a pass on safety. They should want to plan a safe project, but I guess they wont be living here.

Sincerely,

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