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Dear APS Customers and Community Members,

We would like to share an update regarding the Walker Road Project. While construction was set to begin in spring of 2024, due to permitting delays, construction is now expected to begin in summer of 2025. We will continue to keep you informed as we move through the permitting process and into construction. During the permitting process, there will be a 30-day public comment period. Communication will be sent to local residents in advance of the comment period.

Walker Road Project Overview

We plan to relocate 4.4 miles of 12 kilovolt (kV) line in the south Prescott Forest, west of Walker Road, to the APS right-of-way along Walker Road between Big Bug Mesa Road and Liese Drive. These lines have been providing power to the communities of Walker, Potato Patch and Lynx Lake for nearly 100 years and are nearing the end of their operational life. The new overhead power lines will be placed on 45' to 55' steel and wood poles, similar to poles that already exist along Walker Road.

Some of the project benefits include:

- **Quicker access** - APS will be able to maintain the line more quickly and restore power faster in the event of an outage.
- **Enhanced reliability** - By relocating the lines, APS is able to access energy from an additional substation, providing redundancy and strengthening reliability.
- **Wildfire mitigation** - The old line will be removed from a heavily forested area with the new poles being placed on a more open path.
- **Upgraded power lines** - The new lines will be equipped with reinforced wires to improve power quality as well as devices to protect birds.

During the permitting process, APS continues to prioritize safety and reliability in your community. One way we do this is by maintaining the line that is scheduled for relocation, including completing vegetation maintenance. This entails clearing potentially hazardous vegetation like weeds, brush, branches and trees to provide at least 10 feet of space around power poles and other equipment.

We appreciate your understanding and patience and will continue to keep you informed as we move forward with the project. For more information about the Walker Road upgrade, please visit our website at www.apswalkerroad.com.

For questions/concerns regarding this project, please contact our APS Construction Outreach Consultant at MakPro, Teresa Makinen, (602) 421-3069, apsprojects@makprosvc.com or Darla DeVille, APS Public Affairs Manager, at (928) 499.9135 or Darla.Deville@aps.com. Please reference work order #WE016235.

Thank you.