

**James Feenan - Fwd: Comptche Tower**


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Here is another for the U\_2018-0007 project.

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To those who are making this critical decision,

If the goal of this communication tower is to truly "BEST" serve the community of Comptche in activation of our County 911 emergency medical and fire services, then the proposed location needs to be reconsidered.

This location based on the map provided will offer *in building* coverage to only 10-20 residences, *in transit* service to perhaps 5 miles of county road, and *out door* coverage to only 10-20 % of our population and completely exclude our "Downtown", Disaster Shelter, Fire House and most population dense areas.

Additionally, the area of service shown on your map of proposed coverage already has service from a tower located approximately 8 miles West on Mathison Peak.

While it is true that the residents of Comptche desperately need improved cellular service, for emergency 911 access. Investment in this site would mostly serve to improve coverage already provided by another tower and leave the vast majority of our community without communication beyond the land line system. This is reliance on a single source of connectivity will place the Comptche community in a challenging position when an Emergency or Disaster strikes . One tree falling can isolate our community in OUR time of need.

As Fire Chief I recommend you spend more time, effort , and research in site selection before you invest huge sums of money in plans that will ultimately fail the majority our community.

I appreciate your efforts to improve our community's cellular access to 911 services, it is desperately needed.

Thank you very much,

Davey Beak

Chief Comptche Volunteer Fire Department

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