

This letter is addressed to the Mendocino County Planning Commission

My name is Jerry Floyd, part owner of Care for Disabled Animals inc. We manufacture equipment to help rescue and rehabilitate large animals. We probably have one of the few legitimate businesses in Potter Valley out on Van Arsdale Rd (we are not "Farmer"). We sell our products all around the globe and have been in business for over 27 years providing equipment to Veterinary Teaching Hospitals, First Responders, Rescue Groups, Veterinarians and private individuals.

Concerning the matter of the new cell tower on HARTSTONES property, I full support this project. We need access to Emergency Service, Law Enforcement and GPS out here on the Eel river. We are totally reliant on a landline for outside communication and it is a huge concern that Law enforcement does not want to come out here (the Eel river side of Potter Valley) without being able to call for backup.

I personally do not have any problem with the towers location. I am told that some are concerned with the radio waves it may create, I do not believe they will have long lasting effects. I do however believe the benefits of having a tower far outweigh the concern of negative radio waves.

All to often people get lost out here and come asking for directions. I don't feel that would be such an issue if folks had access to the World Wide Web and/or GPS.

My elderly 75 year old mother lives on the property where we manufacture our wares and there have been more than one occasion where someone has come to her door at night wanting directions. Cell phone reception would solve a great deal of concerns and unnecessary fear, not only for me and my household, but for many families who live on the Eel river side of Potter Valley.

The planning commission is more than aware of the weed culture that is out of control in Mendocino County, Why in the world you would not approve of this project is beyond my realm of logical thinking. Why you would deny someone that kind of peace of mind is incomprehensible.

Cell phone access would solve a plethora of issues, law enforcement would be in contact with their station for back up , without having to drive back to the top of the hill for reception as well as Medical emergencies could be handled that much quicker. My dad had a stroke years ago and thank God a neighbor heard his calls for help or he would have been dead , and people who get lost wont, because they will have GPS access and not need to knock on a strangers door asking for directions.

I personally do not understand why the Planning Commission would not approve such a valuable asset to our community and county.

I strongly support the AA&T new cell phone tower.

Best Regards,

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