

Caitlin Schafer - Fwd: cell tower - for the public record

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Date: Tue, 2 Jul 2019 16:44:09 -0700
From: Lee Boatright <boats@hughes.net>

This was my original email that didn't get to you and the only one from me that I would like to see in the public record.

Julia Acker,

I'm a neighbor with adjoining property on the North side of the Eel River. My house is 80 ft. above the Eel River and looks directly across at Hartstone. I'm close enough that on most days, and especially in the evenings, I can hear and make out conversations at Hartstone.

Cell telephone service in the Eel River Canyon is fine, but not what is proposed here. The height and visibility of this tower is the main problem. It will be straight out my bedroom window. At 175 ft tall it will require lights which will be on, and visible in my bedroom, and at my house and other neighbors - all night long.

Cal Fire has on their helicopter charts a pickup point for water in the Eel River less than 1/4 mile from Hartstone. CalStar and Reach fly their helicopters at tree top height in this part of the Canyon when on call here. They land at the Eel River Road bridge upriver, or the Circle X Ranch downstream.

AT&T has lots of experience in "hiding" cell phone towers. Using your position, please, approach them for a place and design that will limit any visual impact.

If I'm not mistaken, this canyon has a designated "Wild and Scenic River" running through it.

Let me take you for a flight through the Canyon and point out several much better locations that would give them better coverage, and result in a "hidden" tower. Perhaps there are financial arrangements with Hartstone that precludes them from putting it someplace else. If so, please make

sure it's not an eyesore that my neighbors and I have to look at, ie it could be in the trees and no higher than the tops of the trees.

I hope you can recognize the reasons I feel this present Use Permit should be denied.

I would appreciate your response.

Thanks,

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