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Regarding Case#: U\_2019-0011

Subject: NO to Wireless Communication Facility located at Pine  
20201 Manzanita Drive.

Dear Planning and Building Services Commission Staff,

I urge you to vote No on this major use permit. I am vehemently opposed to the electro-magnetic radiation created by the proposed facility.

The negative health effects on humans, plants, and animals, as documented on [www.saferemr.com](http://www.saferemr.com) are real.

We don't want to be exposed to radiation, and knowing that it will make us sick. We all have invested in our properties to have a healthy peaceful life.

We don't want to gamble with all we love to have monstrous antenna

watching over us. We don't want any industrial facilities in Pine Mountain.

Sadly, Federal law does not allow you to deny the permit based on EMF's

From my reading of Mendocino County resolution 15-121, Guidelines for the development of wireless communication facilities, I am encouraged that

the board of supervisors feels the same as I do. I hope the Planning

Commission also shares these values. I feel there are plenty of other reasons to deny this permit.

The same resolution, 15-121, outlines the submittal requirements for a proposed cell site. Item 15 of the submittal requirements requires two

alternate sites along with 7 key points to present. Instead, the application lists 6 other sites where the owners did not respond. The last one, ATT dismisses because of the complexity of obtaining access rights. I believe the County resolution 15-121 required 2 alternative cell sites to be detailed and analyzed so that the public and the planning commission could make an informed decision on which site best suites the community, not which one is the cheapest and easiest for the applicant. Sadly, the only candidate that appears to have responded was from an owner who lives in Oregon. The fact that the other 6 did not respond is as good as a letter saying they don't want the facility. Ms Nixon's willing to work with ATT is very surprising to us.

The project description says the facility is for 12 antenna, but this is misleading. There will also be 20 RRUS. By any definition, a RRUS is an antenna as it transmits and receives signals. If the proposed tower is just to serve the needs of a small underserved area, it seems incredible that 32 antenna are needed.

I also believe the staff report is misleading the reader by repeating four times that the area is primarily used for a horse pasture or raising horses. A quick look at google street views will demonstrate the lack of any horse fencing. No, there are no horses running wild either. Although a few horses exist in the area, it is not the picture presented by the report. This repeated information about horses paints a wrong picture of the neighborhood, which is residential, not a wide open ranch. Regardless, what the owner of the site uses it for is hardly relevant. She has already decided she wants the proposed tower. More importantly is how it affects the rest of the community, but that is not discussed. WE want to keep the values of healthy and peaceful living in beautiful Mendocino County.

This misrepresentation is further reinforced by downplaying the higher density of residential uses on the west side. I live at 4540 Lakewood Dr, approximately 500 yards from the proposed site. My property is about 2 acres, and so are most all others in the immediate area even though we are in an RR5 zone. The staff report suggests they are all about 4.3 acres.

Attachment E of the staff report shows how there is a mix of larger and smaller parcels. There are far more smaller parcels than larger parcels next to the site. The area is primarily used as residential homes, and is not as sparsely populated as presented. Instead, the staff report focuses on the zoning and general plan for location of the cell site and ignores the RR5 zone. When the project such as this is so close to a RR5 zone, it is just as good as being in it, but this is not addressed either.

The reason this proposal is a major use permit is that it does not meet the prescribed guidelines for a small scale tower. I propose that the tower is 143 feet tall because the site is not ideally located. Code 20.236.025 cannot be followed, such as the tower being unnoticeable, and the generator being not audible.

I hope the above is sufficient cause for you to deny this proposed use permit. I believe that by identifying our area as an underserved area, there are federal grants or tax breaks available that they will use to turn this site into a significant hub for wireless communications, becoming more of an industrial application than a small scale tower to serve a small community. ATT needs to be sent a message that they need to try harder to find a suitable location, proportional to the scale of the tower.,not where it is cheap and easy for them to take advantage of us.

Sincerely,

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