James Feenan - Fwd: Pine Mountain Cell Tower

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To Whom It May Concern -

My name is Donald Smith, and my family and I live up here on Pine Mountain outside of any cell service. After the big fires a few years ago, we were told that it was a county priority to get cell service into unserved areas. This is a "one way in/one way out" community, and cell service would make it safer for everyone, at all times. All my neighbors were ecstatic about getting cell service up here – we all thought it was a county priority and was "as good as done". Imagine our surprise when I read in the local paper that the cell tower was being denied because the locals didn't want it?

We weren't aware that we had to voice our approval, or the project would be cancelled— of course everybody wants cell service!! After reading all available information on this, it sounds like maybe a bad location was selected for the location of the tower — nobody should be forced to have a cell tower pointed at them, or be located close to their home. And if adding fake tree branches to the tower causes the tower to be located too close to homes—it sounds like it was not a good location.

But don't cancel the whole project just because someone selected a bad location for the tower – lets find an acceptable location and make this area safer for everyone. It is in the county's best interest to have connected and informed citizens in all the county. This is new world we live in with Climate Change, fires, pandemics, etc. and just because a resident says "they didn't move to Pine Mountain to stream movies" doesn't matter – it's not about streaming movies.

cell tower and move forward with the project.
Thank you.
Donald Smith and Family