

Georgina Balkwell

From: Paul Nielsen
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:03 AM
To: Georgina Balkwell; Andrew Strain; Marsha Burch
Cc: Melissa Vios
Subject: FW: Ponderosa Ranch - Verizon Wireless Proposed Tower - TRPA Hearing 8/4/22

Greetings,

Please find below another comment letter regarding the Hearing's Officer item on the agenda today for a new cell phone monopine.

Georgina, please make this letter a part of the record.

Thank you,
Paul

From: Zamanian, Behzad <BZamanian@washoecounty.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Melissa Vios <Melissa.Vios@epicwireless.net>
Subject: RE: Ponderosa Ranch - Verizon Wireless Proposed Tower - TRPA Hearing 8/4/22

Hi Melissa,

It was good speaking with you yesterday. Thanks for sending me the coverage map.

The need for better connectivity was certainly highlighted by the COVID pandemic which is dependent on high speed Internet access and reliable communication infrastructure. Washoe County has started working on developing a broadband master plan as well as working on several broadband initiatives to address unserved and underserved communities in the County. Our plan will include addressing the connectivity issues for the community as well as all County facilities to address public safety, educational institutions, healthcare, and other County services wherever possible. Therefore, I am in support of your project and any initiatives that helps addressing connectivity needs in the region. Based on the coverage map, your project will help a number of households to have better connectivity around Incline Village as well as along the SR 28 which will be a great help to public safety function.

Thanks,



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From: Paul Nielsen
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Georgina Balkwell
Subject: FW: Cell Tower

Hi Georgina,

Below is the only public comment I have received to date.

Paul

-----Original Message-----

From: Joyce BOCK <tahoebock2@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 12:15 PM
To: Paul Nielsen <pnielsen@trpa.gov>
Subject: RE: Cell Tower

. Dear Paul,

I received the notice of Application and public hearing for a cell tower adjacent to my property in Incline Village. I have the same concerns as I did the last time a cell tower was applied for by the same person at the same site. I have lived in my home for 54 years and we built my home on this site because it offered us a beautiful view of Lake Tahoe. I don't know if this cell tower would impact my view or not but until a professional can tell me I will not be able to see it I have to strongly oppose it.

The property on south side of my home is government property and it seems to me that that could be an appropriate site for a cell tower. They could put it up on the hill away from Tunnel Creek Rd.

My other concerns are the impact it would have on Tunnel Creek hiking trail. It is a very popular trail for people to hike on and a cell tower in the view of the hikers is not something you want to see when hiking in this beautiful Sierra pine Tree Forest.

Lastly, it is a known fact that a cell tower close to your home lowers your property values.

Until these issues can be addressed I urge the TRPA and Mr. Nielsen to delay a decision on this matter.

Thank you ,

Joyce Bock

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August 4, 2022

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Hearings Officer Strain
128 Market Street
Stateline, Nevada 89449

Dear Mr. Strain,

We write to formally express our support to improve technology infrastructure to 4G in Incline Village and to encourage you to make wireless connectivity a priority.

TTD recognizes the critical need to upgrade technology infrastructure in order to communicate with the traveling public. TTD operates transit and parking systems along the SR28 Corridor and the Corridor Management Team have continued to acknowledge these systems are dependent on adequate communications to meet the goals and vision of the Corridor Management Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. Parking and traveling in the Tahoe Basin should be safe, reliable, sustainable, adaptable, and convenient, giving visitors and residents the opportunity to use technology to make informed decisions on and before their trip. Currently, mobile payment systems are not able to process and enforcement technology not able to connect due to cellular connectivity at peak times. Furthermore, these improvements would have positive impacts on our local economy, small business owners, and our first responders by ensuring greater wireless coverage and capacity.

Increasing public safety is of special importance along the SR28 Corridor. Reliable communications along this narrow two-lane mountain highway will allow travelers to know where and how to access safe parking and transit to enjoy their favorite recreation spot. With improved connectivity, more people would be able to call 911 when they need it, and first responders would be able to respond more quickly to address emergency situations such as wildfires and vehicle accidents. Increased connectivity would allow our sheriffs, highway patrol, and fire professionals to coordinate an accelerated, timely and efficient response to protect our community, and more broadly, our way of life.

We urge you to prioritize this effort and facilitate the deployment of wireless connectivity to assure our public infrastructure investments function adequately and better connect everyone who lives, works and plays in our special region. As most notably stated by Nevada Highway Patrol, Sergeant Randy Jackson, "Chaos vs. Management. The only option here is to manage the SR 28 Corridor for safe driving and access to the lake. It's what Tahoe visitors and residents deserve," that management requires effective communications technology.

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The Tahoe Prosperity Center (TPC) recognizes the critical need to upgrade technology infrastructure in order to allow for communication with the traveling public, emergency responders, and businesses. As the regional economic and community development entity, we recognize that telecommunications are a pillar of economic development and community wellbeing and must be prioritized throughout the Basin.

It has been acknowledged and recorded by the Tahoe Transportation District that current communications infrastructure is inadequate for travelers and parking management throughout the year, never mind during peak season when the Tahoe population triples on the weekends. As wildfire season swiftly approaches again, it is also critical that we remember how essential reliable cellular service is in the face of a natural disaster. People need to be able to receive mobile alerts, first responders have to be able to communicate, and visitors and residents alike may need maps to navigate out of the Basin safely.

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The Tahoe Prosperity Center would also like to formally emphasize the importance of co-locating on this tower to best serve the region and allow for shared physical communications resources in an area where they are so limited.

Thank you for your consideration and for prioritizing Tahoe's wellbeing.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hill Drum, CEO