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January 8, 2020

VIA HAND DELIVERY and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Idaho Department of Lands
Attn: Dustin Miller
300 North 6th Street, Suite 103
Boise, ID 83702

Re: *Proposed Communications Lease No. M700086*

Dear Director Miller:

Givens Pursley LLP represents Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., an Idaho non-profit corporation ("Custer Telephone"), that has been providing communications services in Custer and Lemhi Counties since 1955.

Custer Telephone leases approximately two acres of property from IDL pursuant to Communications Lease No. M700034 near Boundary Creek in Custer County ("Custer Lease"). In 2013, pursuant to the Custer Lease, Custer Telephone constructed an approximately 100-foot tall tower within SENWSW, T10N-R13E-S36 (the "Property") and brought utilities (power and fiber optic) to the Property ("Custer Tower"). The Custer Tower has room to co-locate an additional provider. Custer Telephone is always willing to work with cellular service providers and offers very competitive co-location/lease rates.

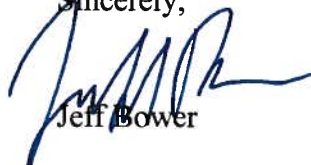
Recently, Custer Telephone learned that IDL is advertising a new communications lease for a cellular tower in the same location as the Custer Tower—Communications Lease No. M700086. It is Custer Telephone's understanding that Lease No. M700086 is being advertised in order for a much taller tower to be constructed on the Property. While Custer Telephone supports improving telecommunications infrastructure in the area, Custer Telephone believes another tower in the same location is not the best use of resources to improve cellular coverage in the area, and Custer Telephone requests that Lease No. M700086 be rescinded and that all applications be returned for the reasons herein.

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In connection with the siting and design of the Custer Tower, Custer Telephone completed an RF spectrum analysis of the State Highway 75 corridor from Stanley to Smiley Creek. Custer Telephone had its engineers analyze the RF propagation of a 100-foot tower and a 200-foot tower on the Property. The results of the analysis are attached in **Exhibit A**. The analysis shows that due to the topography of the area, a taller tower on the Property does not provide materially better coverage in the State Highway 75 transit corridor, particularly to the south. Additional towers at the southern end of the corridor near Smiley Creek would be more beneficial to coverage than a new taller tower on the Property. Custer Telephone encourages IDL to look at another site further south in the State Highway 75 corridor to advertise and lease for a communications tower to provide better overall coverage for customers in the area.

Additionally, the Custer Tower still has capacity to co-locate an additional service provider. While the existing Tower has room for additional cellular equipment, another tower in the same location should not be constructed. Many jurisdictions throughout Idaho prohibit new towers while there are co-location opportunities. Co-location is particularly important in this case because the Property is part of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, an area recognized and protected for natural and scenic beauty. When Custer Telephone constructed the Custer Tower, it carefully weighed the natural and scenic beauty of the area and the desires of local citizens versus the public safety need for communications services in the area. In weighing these interests, Custer Telephone settled on a 100-foot tower. The RF spectrum analysis shows that multiple smaller towers in the corridor will better serve the area and will minimize the negative visual impacts on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

For these reasons, Custer Telephone requests that proposed Lease No. M700086 be rescinded and that all applications be returned to the applicants. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important issue.

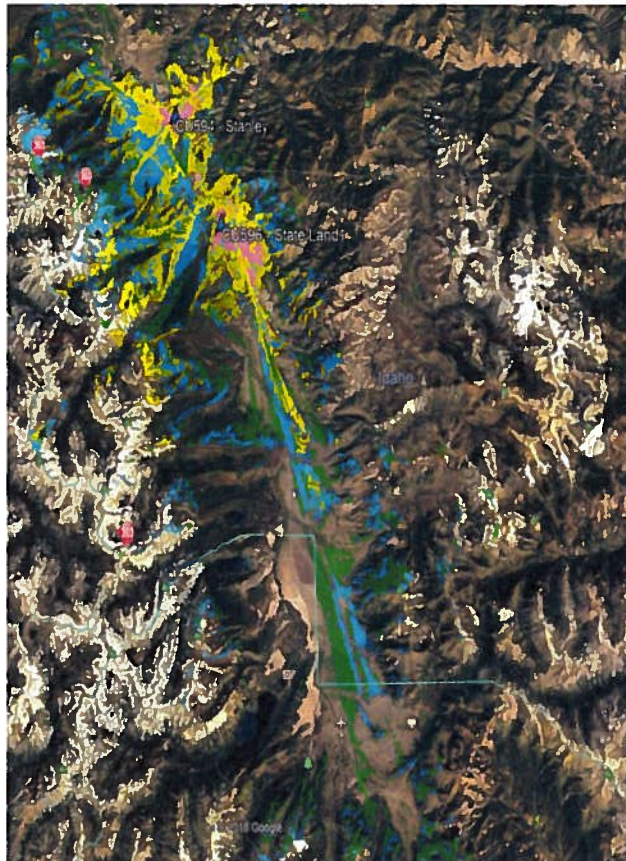
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Jeff Bower

cc: Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners
Meribeth Lomkin
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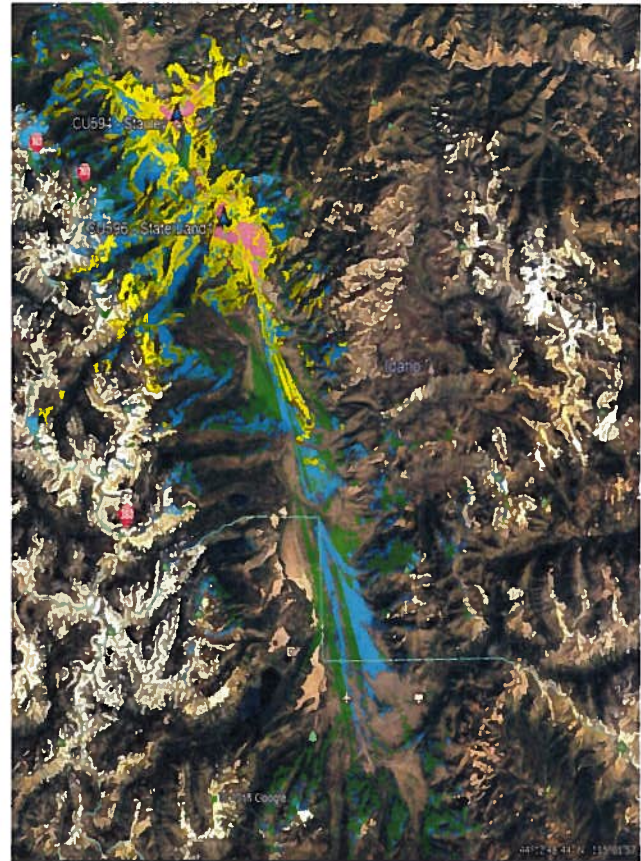
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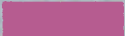



Exhibit A – Spectrum Analysis

Corridor Coverage at 100 Feet



Corridor Coverage at 200 Feet



CDMA Pilot RSL	
Color	Level : Description
	-65 : Urban
	-75 : Residential
	-85 : Light-Residential
	-95 : In-Vehicle
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445 Boundary Creek Road
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January 13, 2020

Mr. Dustin Miller
Director
Idaho Department of Lands
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300 North 6th Street
Boise, ID 83702

Re: Proposed Communications Lease # M700086

Dear Director Miller:

This letter responds to the notice concerning the above-described lease application for a cell tower within the Sawtooth NRA. We strongly oppose the construction of this proposed new cell tower.

I am a University Professor of Law at New York University. My wife, Debra LaMorte, is also a lawyer and the former Senior Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations at New York University. We have been coming to and deeply enjoying the SNRA for more than 25 years. About a decade ago, we purchased land on Boundary Creek Road, opposite the Fish Hatchery on Highway 75, and built our home there. Since January of 2018, we have been full-time residents of Idaho. My wife and I are also Directors of the Sawtooth Society.

The Existing Cell Tower

In 2013, when we learned that a cell tower might be built above the Fish Hatchery, we wrote of our measured but conditional support for the construction of such a tower. We said then that we recognized the benefits a cell tower would bring to the area and so, despite the visual intrusion a tower represented to us, we did not oppose its construction. We did request that:

1. The cell tower should not be lighted, nor should it have blinking lights anywhere on it.
2. The height of the tower should not then or in the future exceed 130 feet.
3. The tower should be painted so as to minimize its visibility
4. The tower should have a simple lattice structure which should be designed to reduce its visibility during all seasons and in all weather conditions.
5. The tower should be located so as to minimize its visibility from the Highway and also from Boundary Creek Road.

Each of those requests was supported by the Custer Telephone Cooperative, the Sawtooth Society, the Forest Service, and other interested parties. The cell tower that was built complied with each of those requests.

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The Proposed New Cell Tower

We understand that the proposed new tower might be nearly 200 feet in height. Because we strongly support the goals expressed by the U.S. Congress in creating the SNRA — “to assure the preservation and protection of the natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values and to provide for the enhancement of the recreational values associated therewith”¹ — we strenuously oppose the construction of any such tower:

1. The existing tower already has capacity for an additional service provider. No new tower should be constructed while the existing tower allows for more cell equipment.
2. The existing tower is 100 feet high. While we were and remain willing to support adding an additional 30 feet to the existing tower if that is shown to be necessary, we oppose adding a new tower that would be nearly 200 feet high. The existing tower is already visible from Highway 75 and our home; a much higher additional tower would severely and adversely affect the scenic beauty of the SNRA.
3. A 200-foot-high tower might be required by FAA rules, both current and developing, to have high-intensity flashing aircraft warning lights or brightly striped paint. Either of those would dramatically and drastically tarnish the majestic natural beauty of the SNRA, as well as the view of the Sawtooth Mountains from our home.
4. There are other more favorable sites for a new cell tower further south from the Fish Hatchery, e.g., near Smiley Creek or the top of Galena Summit. These would provide better cell coverage to the south of the Sawtooth Valley, would not need to be 200 feet high, and could be located so as to be nearly invisible from Highway 75 and from the many hiking trails in the Valley.

For all of the above reasons, we strongly urge that Lease # M70086 should be withdrawn and rescinded, and that no new cell tower should be constructed on the site in question.

If you or any of your staff would like to discuss any of this with me, I can be reached at the address at the top of this letter, by phone at 208-774-2090, or by email at hpd@hpdale.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Harvey P. Dale

¹ Pub. L. 92-400, § 1(a), 86 Stat. 612 (Aug. 22, 1972).

From: [Mark Moulton](#)
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 10:35 AM
To: [Comments](#)
Cc: sybarra@sde.idaho.gov; bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov;
secstate@sos.idaho.gov; governor@gov.idaho.gov
Subject: concerns with anticipated Sawtooth Valley cell tower

I recently learned that IDL is preparing to issue a lease for a new communications tower on State endowment lands in Sawtooth Valley. My understanding is that the site would be a federal FirstNet site operated by ATT. ATT would utilize and profit from the tower commercially while giving network priority to subscribing emergency management services. However, this small inholding of State endowment lands in Sawtooth Valley is wholly contained and surrounded by the large congressionally designated Sawtooth National Recreation Area (federal). The proposed tower is totally incompatible in the setting intended within this iconic landscape, and will greatly undermine the substantial public interest already present in the scenery of the valley. To my knowledge there has been no public involvement, nor even agency-to-agency coordination. I encourage the applicant to withdraw this scheme to circumvent the public and the public interest, and work collectively with the community and agencies to find an appropriate solution within the valley. If necessary IDL should facilitate this outcome by denying the current application.

The 200 foot tower would clearly violate one of the core purposes for which the Sawtooth National Recreation Area was created for by congress in 1972: the preservation of one of the Nation's most iconic and scenic landscapes. Typically one *federal* agency does not run rickshaw over another's mission, so is FirstNet complicit, or has ATT simply spared them such details? The EMS purpose is an important one, but the solution contained in this application is glaringly inappropriate. It is not in the public interest, and, in fact, would greatly discount and undermine the millions of public dollars already invested in the valley, via scenic easements, to protect these same treasured vistas.

The tower anticipated will be located adjacent to the Sawtooth Scenic Byway, in the most sensitive possible location, between the highway and the scenery. The tower will be *3 times* the height of the native forest it resides within, and be day-lighted prominently against the peaks. It will be twice as tall as the existing ~100 foot tower in the same vicinity, and that 'twice' will *all* be exposed above the trees, or *5 times* more than is showing with the current tower (attached).

Please reconsider such a belligerent scar on this treasured landscape. Millions of visitors will suffer the insult in the coming years.

Mark Moulton
Hailey, Idaho

The existing tower on endowment lands -- the new tower would be twice it's total height:



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January 27, 2020

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Re: Proposed Communications Lease No. M700086

Dear Mr. Bower:

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 8, 2020. The Idaho Department of Lands ("IDL") advertised lease number M700086 for application from early December 2019 through January 10, 2020. The advertising followed the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners' approved lease advertising process. No applications were received other than the original lease application. Accordingly, the lease auction was deemed complete at the application deadline, which puts IDL in a position to begin working with the applicant to process the lease.

In your letter, you reference the possibility for a co-location on the Custer Telephone tower. However, it is our understanding that the applicant for lease number M700086 attempted to work with your client to co-locate on their tower, but was unsuccessful.

Your letter questioned the need for the applicant's proposed height of the tower. The applicant's engineers have determined 195' is the height needed for this public safety system, which will provide service as part of the FirstNet system, to provide first responder coverage across Redfish Lake if there is an emergency. The location is also close enough to Stanley to relay with a tower located there.

As you are aware, IDL's constitutional mandate is to maximize long-term financial return for endowment beneficiaries. Here, lease M700086 is on Public School endowment land, and the endowment will benefit by receiving income from that lease. Attached, please find a fact sheet regarding lease number M700086.

I am happy to address any additional questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Dustin T. Miller
Director

Enc.\1 Lease M700086 Fact Sheet

cc: Jeremy C. Chou
Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners



FirstNet Communication Site Application Frequently Asked Questions

Has the FirstNet communication site application been approved?

The application period ended January 10, at 5 p.m. The lease advertising process allows for other applications to be received for that lease, and Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) received no additional lease applications, so the lease auction process was deemed complete. The actual lease document will need to be developed.

What is the applicant proposing?

The proposal is for .09 acres of Public School endowment trust land located in Custer County. The proposed installation includes a new 195-foot lattice tower inside a 75' x 50' site lease area. The facility will be enclosed by a 6' chain-link fence.

The application proposal is for a 20-year lease term at a base rate of \$29,851.31 per year, with revenue going to support Idaho's public school children.

What is FirstNet and who does it serve?

The communication lease will be for part of the FirstNet system, with the purpose of providing a reliable, dedicated high-speed network specifically for first responders. If there is an emergency and regular cell phone systems go down, FirstNet provides the interoperable communications network that gives priority and preemption to first responders. In a remote, but heavily used area like Red Fish Lake, it provides first responders with reliable communication capabilities in the event of an emergency.

Where would the FirstNet tower be located?

The proposed cellular lease site is immediately west of Idaho Fish and Game's Sawtooth Hatchery off of State Highway 75, 10 miles south of Stanley, ID. The applicant's intended location is approximately 100 feet from the existing Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. communication site lease.

There is already a cell tower located there, why don't they just share the tower?

With the existing communication site lease in the vicinity, department personnel encouraged the applicant and current lessee to explore the possibility of co-locating on the existing tower. According to the applicant, the parties could not agree to terms and the applicant pursued the application.

As a courtesy to the current lessee Custer Telephone Cooperative, prior to advertising the lease application, IDL staff informed them of the advertising process.

Why did the applicant choose this location?

According to the applicant, the determination of the placement was critical and depended on the elevation due to the existing ridgeline and terrain. A 195' tower in this location will allow for the proper angle to provide first responder coverage across Red Fish Lake if there is an emergency (e.g. drowning, accidents on the far side of the lake, or wildfires). The location is also close enough to Stanley to relay with a tower located there. The applicant considered three different sites and determined this location provided the best options for FirstNet needs.

Did Idaho Department of Lands follow the new advertising process?

Yes. The advertising period was from December 9, 2019 through January 10, 2020. The process included advertising in the Custer County's newspaper of record (The Challis Messenger), on the department's website, at the local area office in Jerome, and at the department's staff office in Boise. The department's website provided a fact sheet of the lease details as well as a draft lease template and map showing the location.

Why didn't IDL seek public comments about this application?

Endowment Trust Land is not the same as public land and does not have multiple use requirements that federal lands must consider. The federal government granted the endowment land to specific beneficiaries at statehood, primarily public schools. The Idaho Constitution (Article IX, Section 8) mandates the endowment lands be managed to secure the maximum long-term financial return to the institution to which it is granted.

When will construction begin?

Construction would only begin after the lease has been drafted and signed.

What public agency will be using the tower?

This system will be set up for first responders in the area. It will be part of the FirstNet system intended to provide a public safety system that works during emergencies or times where heavy public use to wireless communication systems become overloaded and are inaccessible.

The following links provide more information about FirstNet and its importance for the safety of the people of Idaho and the safety of Idaho's first responders.

<https://firstnet.gov/network>

<https://ioem.idaho.gov/operations/emergency-communications/broadband-initiatives/>

<https://urgentcomm.com/2017/09/19/idaho-becomes-20th-state-to-opt-in-to-firstnet/>

<https://allthingsfirstnet.com/idaho-governor-otter-approves-buildout-plan-for-first-responder-network/>



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January 27, 2020

Mr. Dustin Miller, Director
Idaho Department of Lands
300 North 6th Street, Suite 103
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Dear Director Miller,

The purpose of this letter is to express the Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association's (SA) deep concern about the proposed lease to AT&T of a two-acre parcel of State Endowment Land near the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery (lease #M700086), within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), for the purposes of erecting a cell tower 195 feet tall. SA does not believe the tower, as proposed, is compatible with the purposes Congress articulated for the SNRA when it established it in 1972 by enacting Public Law 92-400. Specifically, it will not conform to the "Scenic Quality" objectives Congress expressed for the SNRA, and which the USDA Forest Service has managed the area so carefully to achieve over the last 48 years.

SA is a member-based, non-profit (501(c)(3)) organization devoted to *preserving and protecting the Sawtooth NRA through education and interpretation*. We were formed in 1972, the same year Congress established the NRA. We maintain and operate the Redfish Visitor Center at Redfish Lake and the Stanley Museum just north of the city of Stanley. We serve over 25,000 visitors and locals each year with our programs.

We recognize the need for improved communications for emergency services and first responders in the Sawtooth Valley, and we support the purposes of the federal First Responder Network (FirstNet). Several of our board members are actively involved in Search and Rescue and the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department, however, we do not believe that a 195' tower, in one of the most scenic parts of the SNRA, is necessary to achieve that improvement.

It is our understanding that in 2013, Custer Telephone, the current lease holder on the parcel of land being proposed for the additional lease, conducted a propagation study comparing the relative coverage of 100' and 200' towers. Their analysis did not show a significant improvement in coverage within the Highway 75 corridor from a taller tower. Custer Telephone has additional space on the existing tower to co-locate an additional service provider, why is that not being considered?

A 195-foot-tall tower would clearly violate the core purposes for which the Sawtooth National Recreation Area was created. The proposed tower would be wider and taller than the existing tower,

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impacting the middle ground viewshed of travelers along the Sawtooth National Scenic Byway and would be visible to valley residents, degrading their view of the Sawtooths. The SNRA was established to preserve and protect one of the nation's most scenic landscapes and this action would diminish the value of the tens of millions of tax-payer dollars the USDA Forest Service has spent since 1972 to protect the Sawtooth Mountain viewshed, the most recognized and photographed landscape in Idaho.

We understand that current FAA rules do not require a 195' tower to be lighted. We also understand that the FAA is reviewing their regulations on this and that it is likely the regulations will be revised to require lighting on shorter towers. This would further impact the scenic quality of the area which now falls within the first International Dark Sky Reserve in the United States. While we know the objective of IDL is to maximize long-term financial returns on the lands it manages, we question department decisions that may damage the economic benefits this Dark Skies designation, and the general scenic quality of the area, has on local business owners. Will IDL require the tower to be removed to eliminate light pollution if the regulations are changed?

In 2013, when Custer Telephone was planning the existing cell tower, they made a good faith effort to work with SNRA staff and the local community to protect the scenic and natural values of the SNRA, and to be responsive to the local citizenry's concerns. We encourage IDL to deny the current proposal, and work with the Forest Service, Custer Telephone, Custer County, and the local community to find an appropriate solution to the need for better emergency service communications. We do not believe the current proposal provides that appropriate solution, and we strongly oppose it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to further information on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stewart Wilder".

Stewart Wilder, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lin Gray".

Lin Gray, Executive Director



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Idaho Department of Lands
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Dear Director Miller:

I am writing in response to the proposed lease # M700086 for a cell tower within the Sawtooth NRA. Please consider these recommendations prior to approving this application.

The mission of The Sawtooth Society is to protect, preserve and enhance the Sawtooth NRA. We are dedicated to preserving its open space and landscape vistas and to enhancing its recreation facilities and services.

This lease application by ATT and FirstNet to the State of Idaho (IDL) to construct and operate a commercial cell tower is located on a small parcel of State land located within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (NRA). The proposed 195-foot tall, "galvanized grey" tower, three times taller than surrounding trees, would clearly violate a central purpose of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, namely preserving the landscape and viewshed. This location, the grey color and the 195' height are all visually inappropriate options. The current tower at 100' and appropriately colored for its surroundings is already obvious and impacting the viewshed. A 195' tower painted in solid galvanized grey and inappropriately colored for its surroundings will significantly and unacceptably impact the viewshed, not just from the highway but from anywhere in the vicinity.

If the proposed lease # M700086 is approved, it will undermine decades of investment of public funds to protect the mountain vistas and landscapes of the Sawtooth NRA.

In 2013 when the current cell tower near the Fish Hatchery was proposed, the Sawtooth Society recognized there were benefits to having cellular coverage in the area including enhancing the safety of recreational users. At that time, the Society supported the first tower IF it addressed the following concerns. The Society felt these five attributes would minimize potential impacts to the vitally important visual and scenic resources of the Sawtooth NRA:

- 1. Minimize Tower Height**
- 2. Avoid Towers Requiring Lights at the Top**
- 3. Select Non-intrusive Paint Color**
- 4. Construct Towers with Simplest Lattice Structure Possible**
- 5. Place Tower Strategically to Minimize Visual Impacts.**



The Society recommends ensuring these 5 attributes are priorities for any future structures on the state property. In addition, the Society recommends utilizing analysis of the RF propagation of a 100-foot tower vs a 200-foot tower on the site. Such research indicates a taller tower on the property does **not** provide materially better coverage. For all these reasons, a 100' tower height was the Society's recommendation in 2013 and is the Society's recommendation in 2020 and will be our recommendation in the future.

Today's application by ATT for a new tower on the State Land at the Fish Hatchery is impossible for us to support given the 195' height of the proposed tower, the likelihood of anticipated future required lighting and the lack of public input involved in the application process.

The Society therefore opposes the construction of the proposed new cell tower and requests IDL withhold approval of Lease No. M700086 until a visual impact simulation and RF propagation map is published publicly, alternate location are reviewed, an appropriate public comment period is opened, and public comments are accepted and reviewed.

The Society does support research into and future implementation of location-appropriate enhanced emergency response communications in the area. Research into enhanced communications should include the following actions by Idaho Department of Lands:

- Publicly publish a visual impact simulation and RF propagation map of proposed towers.
- Consider alternate solutions to ensure broader coverage such as co-locating on the current Custer Telephone tower, multiple 100' towers or additional visually appropriate 100' towers at the southern end of the valley rather than installing a new 200' tower on the property.
- Ensure public input for lease # M700086 and any future cellular proposals.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding these comments or the Society's position.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Grohusky
Executive Director

cc: Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners
Kirk Flannigan, Area Ranger, SNRA
Steve Botti, Mayor of Stanley
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From: [Mark Moulton](#)
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:47 PM
To: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Subject: Re: concerns with anticipated Sawtooth Valley cell tower

Ms Arledge,

Thank you for restating the obvious. It has been all too clear. With all due respect, it is your "mandate's" total disregard for the public's values and interest, even when within a sea of the public's land, that has upset so many. I hope you will reconsider this action.

On Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 10:11 AM Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Moulton-

IDL appreciates your email regarding the proposed FirstNet communications site.

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Additional details about the process and the application are included in the attached information sheet. We hope you find it helpful.

Sharla Arledge

Public Information Officer

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January 29, 2020

Mr. Dustin Miller, Director
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Dear Director Miller,

On behalf of the City of Stanley, I would like to express our concern about the proposed lease of an Idaho Department of Lands site near Redfish Lake for construction of a cell tower. This AT&T-proposed cell tower (lease #M700086) would be 195 feet high and located on top of a ridge that rises 300 feet above the floor of the Sawtooth Valley. It would be co-located with an existing Custer Tel tower that is 95 feet high. The proposed tower could provide an enhanced and dedicated emergency communications network as part of the nationwide FirstNet system. The AT&T application information asserts that: *"A 195' tower in this location will allow for the proper angle to provide first responder coverage across Red Fish Lake if there is an emergency (e.g. drowning, accidents on the far side of the lake, or wildfires). The location is also close enough to Stanley to relay with a tower located there. The applicant considered three different sites and determined this location provided the best options for FirstNet needs."*

This site is deep within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and its prominent ridge-top location will make it highly visible from nearby areas of the Sawtooth Valley and surrounding mountains. The tower will be only 0.6 miles from State Highway 75 and 1.0 mile from the access road to Redfish Lake, making it a substantial visual impairment for thousands of tourists who visit Redfish Lake each year to enjoy its outstanding recreational opportunities. The proposed lattice type construction would add to the visual impact of the tower in this location. The economy of Stanley is heavily dependent on recreation and tourism, so any impairment to that experience is an important consideration to Stanley businesses and resident alike.

The possible visual impact on the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve is also a concern. The proposed tower is located near the central darkest core areas of the reserve, so any

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lighting on the tower could be a substantial impact. We understand that current FAA rules do not require this tower to be lighted. However, if the FAA reviews these regulations and decides to change its lighting standards for tower height or proximity to airports, then impacts could occur after the tower is constructed. The proposed cell tower would be located 4.2 miles from the Stanley airport.

We strongly support the goals of the FirstNet system, however we would like to see more analysis and discussion of the tradeoffs between improved emergency response capability and impairment of the scenic and visual resource objectives that were mandated as a mission of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area by Public Law 92-400. Some local emergency responders have indicated that they agree that there is a need to provide enhanced communications for both emergency responders and for the public's ability to call in incidents. Conversely, many residents have expressed concerns about the potential visual impacts and impairment of national recreational area values.

The justification for the cell tower relies strongly on providing enhanced emergency response in the heavily-used Redfish Lake area. The RF spectrum analysis performed by Custer Tel in 2013 to support its cell tower application did indicate that a 200-foot tall tower would provide some additional coverage in that area compared to a 100-foot tall tower. We have not seen a spectrum analysis associated with the current application. We submitted a public information request for a copy of the application and background materials but have not yet received a response from your office.

The AT&T application materials do mention that three different sites were considered, however we have not seen a discussion of the relative benefits and visual impacts of these sites. In particular, if the Redfish Lake area is the primary target area for this service, would other nearby locations with lower-profile towers or triangulation of towers offer similar benefits for emergency responders.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Botti
Mayor, City of Stanley

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From: [Kiki Tidwell](#)
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:25 AM
To: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Cc: '[Mark Moulton](#)'; [Dustin Miller](#)
Subject: RE: concerns with anticipated Sawtooth Valley cell tower

Sharla – From IDL’s website:

“September 26, 2019

Partnership helping to keep Idaho endowment lands open for recreation
By Idaho Department of Lands Director Dustin Miller

‘Working together, we can continue to enjoy hunting and other activities, while also supporting our school children by being good stewards of these lands.’”

How are you being a good steward of these lands with cell phone towers that blight the scenic preservation that has been so meticulously preserved? How are you working in partnership with Custer and Blaine Counties who depend on tourism by not going through any of their siting processes?

Could you also please share with me the compensation schedule of yourself, the IDL board members, and Director Dustin Miller? What are you getting paid to not work with Idaho counties at all in a “let them eat cake attitude?”.

Maybe it is time for legislative bills to reign in IDL.
Kiki

Kiki Tidwell
Investor
President, Idaho Land & Pine, Inc.
208-578-7769 Idaho Office
650-388-2108 cell

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Sharla Arledge** <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov>
Date: Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 10:11 AM
Subject: RE: concerns with anticipated Sawtooth Valley cell tower
To: Mark Moulton <mamoulton@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Moulton-

IDL appreciates your email regarding the proposed FirstNet communications site.

Endowment Trust Land is not the same as public land and does not have multiple use requirements that federal lands must consider and our mandate is quite different. The federal government granted the endowment land to specific beneficiaries at statehood, primarily public schools. The Idaho Constitution (Article IX, Section 8) mandates the endowment lands be managed to secure the maximum long-term financial return to the institution to which it is granted.

Additional details about the process and the application are included in the attached information sheet. We hope you find it helpful.

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From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:34 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Alexis Rutter at arutter@tecxl.net
Address: 8099 E Brandts Creek Way
City: Nampa
State: Idaho

Comment:

In today's paper (1/30) I read of the issues at Redfish lake regarding a proposed cell tower. I would like to make sure that the Department realizes that there is in-house staff with full expertise to assist the department in its evaluation.

I was the Bureau Chief of the Pubic Safety Communications bureau under the Dept. of Administration and during its transition to the Military division. The staff of this agency has been deeply involved in the entire range of Public Safety radio since its inception. They are keenly aware of FirstNet and its requirements. They have available the software to perform extensive coverage studies (independently of any vendor) to verify the height needs and probable coverage.

I'd like to point out that, as a demonstration of the capabilities of this agency, as their manager I was involved in the original work at the national level on FirstNet. Prior to moving to Idaho, I was involved in the establishment of the P25 digital trunking standard. When I lead the agency, my staff was fully conversant in these and many more technologies. The currently manager has continued that tradition and would be an excellent resource for a deeper understanding of the issues.

Finally, it would seem appropriate, given the conflicting vendor statements published in the Statesman, that this highly skilled work-force, already in the employ of the State, should be a primary consultant for the Department of Lands. You would be making excellent use of this valuable agency, without the cost of an external consulting firm. Note: To illustrate the potential of that group, upon leaving this State agency I moved on to a national consulting firm, providing analysis very similar to what is needed in this case. I helped procure the needed software that your current staff uses for just this type of analysis.

Sincerely,
Mr. Alexis V. (Lex) Rutter
Nampa, ID

From: [Trevor George](#)
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 1:17 PM
To: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Cc: [Pat Brown](#)
Subject: FW: Please STOP on SNRA tower!

Hi Sharla,

I just received the email below. I don't see you on the list so I wanted to make sure it made it over to you.

Thanks,

Trevor George

Lands Resource Supervisor
Idaho Department of Lands
Eastern Supervisory Area
324 South 417 East, Ste 2
Jerome, ID 83338
Office: 208-324-2561
Fax: 208-324-2917

From: Trish <tklahr@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Trevor George <tgeorge@idl.idaho.gov>; Dustin Miller <dmiller@idl.idaho.gov>; governor@gov.idaho.gov; bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov; secstate@sos.idaho.gov; sybarra@sde.idaho.gov
Subject: Please STOP on SNRA tower!

Dear Elected Officials and state employees:

Please do not proceed hastily on the proposed communication tower in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The far-reaching and long-term impacts of this decision need to be considered carefully. The impacts on our beautiful SNRA will be significant and are not in line with the public values nor the costly values protected by \$50 million worth of SCENIC easements. This short-sighted decision needs to be reconsidered and public input incorporated.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Patricia Klahr
PO Box 1971
Ketchum
83340

From: [Trevor George](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 8:19 AM
To: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Cc: [Pat Brown](#)
Subject: FW: Communication tower in the Sawtooths

Hi Sharla, forwarding you some more comments:

Trevor George
Lands Resource Supervisor
Idaho Department of Lands
Eastern Supervisory Area
324 South 417 East, Ste 2
Jerome, ID 83338
Office: 208-324-2561
Fax: 208-324-2917

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

From: susan tucker <susanrtucker33@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:32 AM
To: governor@gov.idaho.gov
Cc: Trevor George <tgeorge@idl.idaho.gov>; Dustin Miller <dmiller@idl.idaho.gov>; bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov; sybarra@sde.idaho.gov; secstate@sos.idaho.gov
Subject: Communication tower in the Sawtooths

Dear Sir,

Please block the leasing of land for a new communication tower in the Sawtooth Valley. It is too tall, blocking iconic scenic views that congress reserved in 1972 and has spent many millions of dollars to protect. The IDL needs to rethink and renegotiate this contract.. The process was done in secret with no public input. It is also a very bad ROI for the state of Idaho.

Thank you.

Susan Tucker
Sun Valley ,Idaho

From: [Trevor George](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 8:20 AM
To: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Cc: [Pat Brown](#)
Subject: FW: STOP Cell Tower in Sawtooth Valley and off Buttercup north of Hailey

Trevor George
Lands Resource Supervisor
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Eastern Supervisory Area
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Fax: 208-324-2917

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

From: Megan Davis <megan.mdavis@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 7:27 PM
To: Trevor George <tgeorge@idl.idaho.gov>; governor@gov.idaho.gov; bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov; secstate@sos.idaho.gov; synarra@sde.idaho.gov
Subject: STOP Cell Tower in Sawtooth Valley and off Buttercup north of Hailey

STOP and work with the public on this and all such important considerations for Idaho. We are against this impact to our protected scenery!

Megan Davis
Blaine County Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carol Eleazer](#)
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2020 2:45 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Re: Comment Submitted

Thank you, the additional information in the FAQ is appreciated although continues to confound me. There is already cell coverage in the back of Redfish Lake. For emergency/safety communication (and other), the existing tower could be used and other less visible relays could be established by using the existing telephone poles along the highway corridor. There is no good reason that supports leasing the land for construction of a sky-high tower that ruins views of the Sawtooth front. Surely, the State's objectives could be met another way. Let me know how I can help; I stand ready to serve.

Best,
Carol Eleazer

On Feb 3, 2020, at 2:13 PM, Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Ms. Eleazer-

Thank you for your comments, I will certainly pass them along. The details of a lease have not been finalized.

I am attaching an information sheet that you may find helpful.

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From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Carol Eleazer at caeleazer@aol.com
Phone: 2087217080
Address: P. O. Box 4514
City: Ketchum
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am deeply troubled by the Land Board's decision to grant a lease to a company which plans to erect a tower the equivalent height of an 18-story building on a ridge in the Sawtooth Valley. I urge the commissioners to reconsider their decision. The Sawtooths are arguably the jewel of the state.

The Redfish Lake area is a rare and precious beauty that provides unparalleled enjoyment to many Idahoans and lucky visitors. It is different because of the natural beauty and mountain vistas which threaten to be compromised by an ugly tower. It is different there exactly because it is not like most other places, which have been marred to the hilt by the eye-sore infrastructure of our nano-second, endlessly connected lives. Is there no last great place left? Please be responsible stewards to one of Idaho's great places and rescind the grant to lease the parcel in the Sawtooth Valley.

<FirstNet Application FAQ.pdf>

From: [Trevor George](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 8:22 AM
To: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Cc: [Pat Brown](#)
Subject: FW: Cell tower near Redfish Lake

Trevor George

Lands Resource Supervisor
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From: Peter Madsen <salongamine@salongamine.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Trevor George <tgeorge@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Cell tower near Redfish Lake

Trevor George,
Please STOP the Cell tower near Redfish Lake in the SNRA
Please consider working with the public in this and all such important considerations
Thanks
Peter Madsen and Family

From: [Ryan Montoya](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 11:30 AM
To: [Jason Laney](#); [Tamara Armstrong](#)
Cc: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed Sawtooth Tower

Thanks, Jason. If you get any more emails, please forward to Sharla.

Ryan

From: Jason Laney
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Ryan Montoya <rmontoya@idl.idaho.gov>; Tamara Armstrong <tarmstrong@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: FW: Proposed Sawtooth Tower

I received this last week while I was out of town, not sure if anyone is taking point on comments... but here you go!

Jason Laney

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Idaho Department of Lands
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Fax: (208) 334-3698

From: outlook_A6DDD76009A4CCC6@outlook.com
<outlook_A6DDD76009A4CCC6@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2020 6:40 PM
To: Jason Laney <JLaney@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Proposed Sawtooth Tower

Dear Mr. Laney,

I strongly oppose the lease of state land for the construction of the proposed cell tower. The current one is too much of an eyesore as it's modest height. An 195' tall tower would be a huge blight on the scenic that many millions of dollars have been spent on to keep the area beautiful. Don't spoil this for a measly \$29,000 fee a year. I know a tower is needed for enhanced communications. The company could site it on the east side of the highway. Maybe an east side site might not be ideal, it would be so much less obstructive to the view of the mountain range to the west and still provide enhanced communications.

Thanks,

Phil Coonts
p.k.coonts@gmail.com
Parma, ID

From: [Meribeth Lomkin](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 10:00 AM
To: [Pat Brown](#); [Trevor George](#); [Sharla Arledge](#); [Tamara Armstrong](#)
Subject: First Net Application - comment rally email

Hi,

I spoke on the phone yesterday with Keith Reese, a building contractor on the Stanley Basin whom I've worked with in the past. Keith is concerned about the pending communication site application M700086. When he asked if there was a way to submit comments, I pointed him towards the comments@idl.idaho.gov email address. This morning I received the email below and I thought I would share it with you, FYI.

Thanks.
Meribeth

From: Keith Reese <Keith@sawtoothvalleybuilders.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 9:47 AM
To: info@sawtoothvision2020.org; Terry Clark <idclarkfamilyterry@cox.net>; Tom Stuart <tomstuart@cableone.net>; Stanley Burton <burtonstanley@hotmail.com>; Kerri York <kyork@woodriverlandtrust.org>; Bob Boren <rboren@custertel.net>; Angenie McCleary <amccleary@co.blaine.id.us>; Jim Keating <info@bcrd.org>; Herb Mumford <mayor@stanley.id.gov>; David Langhorst <david.langhorst@idpr.id.gov>; David Keiski <keiski@ruralnetwork.net>; Jeff Clegg <jeff@redfishlake.com>; Al Jones <aallocthon@yahoo.com>; Steve Botti <sjbotti@gmail.com>; Paul Hill <paul@pahill.com>; Gary Gadwa <gwgadwa@gmail.com>; Patricia Young <patriciabyron@msn.com>; Carol Cole <cjcole@fs.fed.us>; Jolie Turek <info@custerreda.org>; Kurt Krapfl <krapfl@hotmail.com>; Chad Fealko <chad.fealko@noaa.gov>; Mark Moulton <mmoulton@fs.fed.us>; Gary O'Malley <gary@sawtoothsociety.org>; Nils Ribi <nils@nilsribi.com>; Wes Wills <weswills@cox.net>; Sarah Baker <sdbaker@uidaho.edu>; Kirk Flannigan <kflannigan@fs.fed.us>; Barry Hicks <hickswil@gmail.com>; Bobbi Filbert <bfilbert@fs.fed.us>; Susan James <sljames@fs.fed.us>; Nina Jonas <Njonas@ketchumidaho.org>; Meribeth Lomkin <MLomkin@idl.idaho.gov>; Tim Cron <tim@sawtoothhotel.com>; Kathleen Krekow <katkrekow@gmail.com>; Stan Mai <sapmai@msn.com>; Peter McPherson <mcpherson@d181.k12.id.us>; Jeff Richards <jeff.richards@idfg.idaho.gov>; Michelle Stennett <mstennett@senate.idaho.gov>; Josh Franks <papabrunees@gmail.com>; Mandy Clark <mandy@mountainvillage.com>; Kit Mullen <kmullen@fs.fed.us>; Bob Hayes <robertbhayes42@gmail.com>; Dan Armstrong <dan.armstrong@itd.idaho.gov>; Jon Marvel <jhmarvel@cox.net>; Abbie Gongloff <abbie.gongloff@osc.idaho.gov>; Betsy Mizell <bmizell@idahoconservation.org>; Kathy Stice <kcstice@gmail.com>
Subject: proposed cell tower

Hello Sawtooth Vision 2020 participants

Periodically an issue comes up in the Sawtooth Valley that merits immediate action for those individuals and organizations that care about the future of the Sawtooth National Recreation area. Your participation in Sawtooth Vision 2020 demonstrated your interest.

The State of Idaho Department of Public Lands is currently on track to approve installation of a 195' tall new cell tower on a state parcel of land above the fish hatchery. The tower will very significantly skyline above the moraine and may have to be lighted to meet FAA requirements regarding intrusion into airspace.

While there may not be any official way to request that the State re-evaluate its participation in permitting this degradation of the SNRA experience perhaps if enough stakeholders requested this matter be reconsidered it would not fall on deaf ears.

You can address your comments to comments@idl.idaho.gov

Keith Reese

Sawtooth Vision 2020 participant

Keith@sawtoothvalleybuilders.com

Meribeth Lomkin

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mlomkin@idl.idaho.gov

From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 10:06 AM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: stan mai at sapmai@msn.com
Phone: 2082935669
Address: 1082 elkhorn circle
City: TWIN FALLS
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am pleased to see that a proposal to install a cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley is moving forward.
I am in favor of this project. needed for safety



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February 4, 2020

Mr. Dustin Miller, Director
Idaho Department of Lands
300 North 6th Street, Suite 103
Boise, ID 837023

RE: Idaho Conservation League's Comments on Proposed Sawtooth Valley Cell Tower

Dear Director Miller:

The Idaho Conservation League would like to provide comments in opposition of the proposed lease # M700086 for a cell tower within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Since 1973, the Idaho Conservation League has been Idaho's voice for clean water, clean air, and public lands—values that are the foundation for Idaho's extraordinary quality of life. ICL works to protect these values through public education, outreach, advocacy, and policy development. As Idaho's largest state-based conservation organization, we represent over 30,000 supporters, many of whom have a deep personal interest in preserving our state's special places and care deeply about the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA).

This lease application in question is a proposal by ATT and FirstNet to the State of Idaho to construct and operate a commercial cell tower located on a small Idaho Department of Lands endowment parcel located within the SNRA. The proposed 195-foot tall tower, which is three times taller than surrounding trees, is in direct conflict with the core values protected by the establishing legislation of the SNRA. The SNRA was established by Congress to assure the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values, and to provide for the enhancement of its recreational values. This cell tower, which is proposed to be located adjacent to the Sawtooth Scenic Byway between the highway and the scenic forests and mountain peaks, is clearly contrary to those values.

Furthermore, CusterTel's analysis indicates that "a taller tower on the property does not provide materially better coverage" due to the topography of the area (CusterTel letter to IDL). We also have concerns that this proposed tower would include some form of lighting. The project site is squarely in the middle of the [Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve](#) (CIDSr), designated by the International Dark Sky Association in 2017. The CIDSr is the only such designation in the U.S., one of only 12 such reserves in the world, and was awarded 'Gold Tier' status - the highest

ranking for night sky quality. ICL was instrumental in establishing the CIDSR and we continue to work to protect and preserve the dark sky values of the area.

It is also clear to us that the public has not been adequately involved in this project thus far, with no formal public comment period nor a concerted effort to involve key stakeholders and interested parties in the community in the process. Regardless of what happens next with this proposal, we urge IDL to make a more deliberate effort to keep the public apprised of this project going forward and solicit additional comments.

The Idaho Conservation League opposes this project as currently proposed. Although enhanced communications for first responders is an important function, the specific design and location of this tower would degrade treasured views and substantially impair the purposes for which the SNRA was established, undermine the area's core values. We encourage the Idaho Department of Lands to withhold approval of this lease and find ways for the State and the applicants to work together with the public and other agencies in the community to find a more appropriate solution. Any modified proposal should provide for a reasonable public comment period.

We are supportive of research into alternative options to address the need for enhanced emergency response communications in the area. Design features that may minimize potential impacts of a new cell tower include: 1) shorter tower height (<100 feet), 2) no required lighting, 3) strategic location to minimize visual impacts, and 4) camouflaging paint color that blends into the forested backdrop.

We thank you for considering our comments and ask that you please send us subsequent documents for this project. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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John Robison
Public Lands Director
Idaho Conservation League
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cc: Trevor George, Lands Resource Supervisor, IDL
Nate Fisher, Special Assistant for Intergovernmental Affairs, Governor's Office
Kirk Flannigan, Area Ranger, SNRA
Steve Botti, Mayor of Stanley

From: [steve smith](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 6:55 AM
To: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Subject: Re: AT&T communication site application

Dear Sharla,

We will be sending a letter with Custer County Commissioner Board comments on the purposed cell tower.

For a quick note we are against this for a variety of reasons--

1. I would ask you to contact Dennis at Custer Telephone for some of the details and reasons that this is not the best solution.
2. I understand your letter that for emergency responses to have communications is a good reason to put in a tower.
3. There is mis-information coming from the SNRA ranger Flanigan that when this 195' tower goes in the other one comes down, that is not correct.
4. There were other solutions offered that could better solve communication problems.
5. I would ask you to begin researching more, the company mentioned did not want to co-locate on Custer Telephone's tower.

These are some quick bullet points on the topic for discussion

Thanks for considering our input

Custer County Commissioner

Steve Smith

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:19 PM Sharla Arledge <sarledge@idl.idaho.gov> wrote:

Commissioners-

I am reaching out to you to provide information on the AT&T communication site application on state endowment trust land.

The communication lease would serve as part of the FirstNet system, with the purpose of providing a reliable, dedicated high-speed network specifically for first responders. If there is an emergency and regular cell phone systems go down, FirstNet provides the interoperable communications network that gives priority and preemption to first responders. In a remote, but heavily used area like Red Fish Lake, it provides first responders with reliable communication capabilities in the event of an emergency.

According to the applicant, the determination of the placement was critical and depended on the elevation due to the existing ridgeline and terrain. A 195' tower in this location will allow for the proper angle to provide first responder coverage across Red Fish Lake if there is an emergency (e.g. drowning, accidents on the far side of the lake, or wildfires). The location is also close enough to Stanley to relay with a tower located there. The applicant considered three different sites and determined this location provided the best options for FirstNet needs.

Attached is an information sheet that may provide answers to questions you might have. Please take a moment to read through this information. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me. I would also be happy to put you in touch with the appropriate staff with Idaho Emergency Management who work closely with the FirstNet project.

Respectfully,

Sharla Arledge

Public Information Officer

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From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 10:50 AM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: John Griffith at jjgrif@gmail.com
Phone: 208 720 1136
Address: 151 4th. St. W. Unit 1919
City: Ketchum,Id 83340
State: Idaho

Comment:

We are adamantly opposed to the proposed cell tower near Redfish Lake.

1. It would be highly visible detracting from the grand views especially if a light is necessary.
2. It is not necessary. Use the existing tower.
3. The income derived is minimal.
4. It appears the Land Board made the decision without public comment.

Thank You

From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2020 8:54 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: John Kelley at jgkelley@aol.com
Phone: 208-721-0146
Address: P. O. Box 4514
City: Ketchum
State: Idaho

Comment:

Dear Idaho Land Board members:

I'm writing to ask you to reconsider the construction of a 195-tall tower on state land near Redfish Lake.

If the reason for a new tower is to provide emergency communication to the far end of Redfish Lake, I can report cell service is already adequate in that location. In fact, cell service reaches up the Redfish canyon and bathes the east side of the Sawtooths in that area.

If there is a need to boost the cell signal in some areas, other means than a 195-foot tower are available.

There are few places as beautiful in the world as the Sawtooth Valley, and so much work and money has been expended to keep the valley as natural and scenic as possible. Idahoans across the spectrum of political and recreational interests love the valley for what it is today.

Yes, changes come with increased usage and modernity. However, a tower of the magnitude proposed will unreasonably mar a truly unique landscape.

Please consider alternatives to the proposed new tower. Solutions are available, and with some ingenuity and a commitment to the Sawtooth Valley's scenic resources, a remarkably beautiful place loved by all Idahoans can remain the place we all want.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kelley

From: [Keith Reese](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2020 9:34 AM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Regarding the proposed cell tower lease on hwy 75 in Stanley

Hello Officials:

As a former member of the Sawtooth Vision 2020 steering committee and a local resident, I encourage you to reconsider leasing space on state land at this location for a 195' tall cell tower that may need to have lighting to comply with FAA regulations.

The Sawtooth Valley and the SNRA provide a unique place to preserve open space and unparalleled scenic mountain vistas for the benefit of Idahoans and visitors alike. I realize forgoing income to serve schools is a difficult choice to make but there are so many valid competing interests in this area that considerable thought should be given before committing to such an impactful and irreversible decision.

Thanks,

Keith Reese



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SAWTOOTH SEARCH AND RESCUE

BOX 21

Stanley, ID 83278

February 6, 2020
Mr. Dustin Miller, Director
Idaho Department of Lands
Suite 103
300 North 6th Street
Boise, ID 832702

Dear Director Miller,

The purpose of this letter is to express our deep concern about the proposed lease to AT&T of a two-acre parcel of State Endowment Land near the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery (lease #M700086), within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), for the purposes of erecting a cell tower 195 feet tall. Sawtooth Search and Rescue (SAWSAR) does not believe the tower, as proposed, is compatible with the purposes Congress articulated for the SNRA when it established it in 1972 by enacting Public law 92-400. Specifically, it will not conform to the "Scenic Quality" objectives Congress expressed for the SNRA, and which the USDA Forest Service has managed the area so carefully to achieve over the last 48 years.

SAWSAR an all-volunteer Search and Rescue unit is a member-based Search and Rescue unit that operates under the authority of the Custer County Sheriff's Department: It is the mission of Sawtooth Search and Rescue to maintain a group of trained volunteers to be used as directed by the Sheriff of Custer County. This group shall be trained to search for and rescue those lost or injured, or those victims of natural or manmade disasters in Custer County.

It is important for users of the Sawtooth Wilderness to take personal responsibility for their actions and activities in Wilderness. As Co-Commander of SAWSAR for nearly 40 years I have seen in just the last 5-8 years or less an unrealistic increase of unwarranted calls to 911 for completely unnecessary call outs of Volunteers to risk their lives for people who under normal circumstances should be self-reliant or at the very least take necessary steps to get themselves out of the wilderness. Cell Phone coverage has been a very undesirable burden upon our Volunteer rescue personnel.

We recognize the need for improved communications for emergency services and first responders in the Sawtooth Valley, and we are very familiar with communications needs for SAR and EMS. However, we feel very strongly that the existing Custer Telephone tower meets or exceeds the desired Cell Phone coverage in the Sawtooth Wilderness. We do not believe that a 195' tower, in one of the most scenic parts of the SNRA, is necessary. We do not want a Cell Tower higher than the Custer Telephone Tower.

Gary Gadwa / Gary Cvecich Co-Commanders
Steering Committee: Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire, Stanley Volunteer EMT's, Custer Co. Sheriff's office,
Sawtooth NRA

In 2013, Custer Telephone, the current lease holder on the parcel of land being proposed for the additional lease, conducted a propagation study comparing the relative coverage of 100' and 200' towers. Their analysis did not show a significant improvement in coverage within the Highway 75 corridor from a taller tower. Custer Telephone has additional space on the existing tower to co-locate an additional service provider, We request that this option be very seriously considered.

A 195-foot-tall tower would clearly violate the core purposes for which the Sawtooth National Recreation Area was created. The proposed tower would be wider and taller than the existing tower impacting the middle ground viewshed of travelers along the Sawtooth National Scenic Byway and would be visible to the valley residents degrading their view of the Sawtooths. The SNRA was established to preserve and protect one of the nation's most scenic landscapes and this action would diminish the value of the tens of millions of tax-payer dollars the USDA Forest Service has spent since 1974 to protect the Sawtooth Mountain viewshed, the most recognized and photographed landscape in Idaho.

We understand that current FAA rules do not require a 195' tower to be lighted. We also understand that the FAA is reviewing their regulations on this and that it is likely the regulations will be revised to require lighting on shorter towers. This would further impact the scenic quality of the area which now falls within the very first International Dark Sky Reserve in the United States. While we know the objective of IDL is to maximize long-term financial returns on the lands it manages, we question department decisions that may damage the economic benefits this Dark Skies designation, and the general scenic quality of the area, has on local business owners.

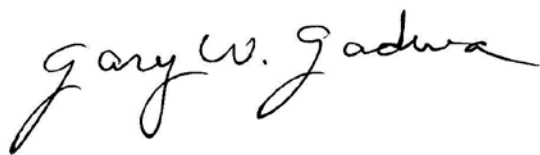
In 2013 when Custer Telephone was planning the existing cell tower, they made a good faith effort to work with SNRA staff and the local community to protect the scenic and natural values of the SNRA, and to be responsive to the local citizenry's concerns.

We encourage IDL to deny the current proposal, and work with the Forest Service, Custer Telephone, Custer County, and the local community to appropriately add AT&T's First Net system on the existing tower.

We do not believe the current proposal provides that appropriate solution, and we strongly oppose it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to further information on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary W. Gadwa". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Gary Gadwa / Gary Cvecich Co-Commanders
Steering Committee: Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire, Stanley Volunteer EMT's, Custer Co. Sheriff's office,
Sawtooth NRA

From: Trevor George
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Sharla Arledge
Cc: Pat Brown; Jay Hein
Subject: FW: proposed communication tower in Sawtooth Valley

Hi Sharla,

Here's another comment.

Thanks,

Trevor George
Lands Resource Supervisor
Idaho Department of Lands
Eastern Supervisory Area
324 South 417 East, Ste 2
Jerome, ID 83338
Office: 208-324-2561
Fax: 208-324-2917

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

From: Karen Oswalt <oswalt905@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Trevor George <tgeorge@idl.idaho.gov>; Dustin Miller <dmiller@idl.idaho.gov>;
governor@gov.idaho.gov; bwoolf@sco.idaho.gov; secstate@sos.idaho.gov;
sybarra@sde.idaho.gov
Subject: proposed communication tower in Sawtooth Valley

Dear Idaho officials,

I am writing to urge you NOT to issue a lease for a new communication tower in the Sawtooth Valley.

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area was created in 1972 to protect this extraordinary landscape, and since that time, over 50 million dollars have been spent on scenic easements. Allowing the construction of an obtrusive tower would, in a stroke, destroy the unspoiled beauty that so many have labored to preserve.

This beautiful landscape is an enduring public value that far outweighs the value of a communication tower.

I hope you will deny the proposed tower and protect the priceless Sawtooth Valley—one of Idaho's, and America's, last best places.

Very truly yours,

Karen Oswalt
Sun Valley, Idaho

From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2020 11:12 AM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Brigid Sears at searsb@slhs.org
Phone: 208-727-8733
Address: 1450 Aviation Dr. ste 200
City: Hailey
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am a frequent SNRA visitor and I vehemently oppose the proposed 195 ft communications tower in the SNRA. This is completely unnecessary and cannot be in the name of safety. I have Emergency Responders in my family who respond to urgent medical and fire situations in the SNRA frequently and say the purpose of this tower cannot be attributed to safety. Their current safety comms are perfectly adequate in the SNRA. No. No. No. If you are going to use the thin "safety" excuse, there are alternative towers and pieces of land. It is your responsibility to find them. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Brigid Sears

From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2020 4:29 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Don Shepler at don@galenalodge.com
Phone: 2087201209
City: Ketchum
State: Idaho

Comment:

As a property owner and business owner operating in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area I have serious concerns about the recent decision to open a parcel for lease as a cell tower site in the Sawtooth Valley. While operating a business in the SNRA, it has become apparent that impact statements and needs assessments are useful tools. And although I don't love the process it nearly always results in a better project. So while it may be necessary to place a cell tower at the proposed site, will the tower actually meet the needs of residents and travelers? Will the tower provide coverage to the entire basin, will the coverage be spotty, is there another tower (yes) that this provider could lease without erecting a new one? What visual impacts and property value impacts will the tower cause?

These are all serious questions that need to be answered before the state enters into a long term lease for a relatively small amount of income. As the state of Idaho uses many images from the Sawtooth Basin in it's own branding, do we really want to tarnish that brand if we don't have to?

From: [Theresa Williams](#)
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2020 3:14 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Communication towers planned for Blaine County and the Sawtooth Valley

Dear Idaho Department of Lands:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to your plans to put up for auction a communications tower site in Blaine County off Buttercup Road, not far from the home where I've lived in Indian Creek Ranch since 1991.

The area where you've proposed to site the tower is directly in the view corridor of Bald Mountain (home to the Sun Valley Ski Area) for many South and Mid-Valley residents.

It seems extremely short sighted to allow construction of something so unsightly on a large piece of property that seemingly could produce a much greater long term financial return for Idaho Schools if it were sold for residential development.

By impacting this property with a communications tower site, you are effectively withdrawing that property from consideration for any other use for at least 20 years.

It seems that more consideration and thought should be given to beneficial uses of Endowment Trust Lands before impacting our community in such a negative and unsightly manner.

Similarly I'm opposed to the communications tower site in the Sawtooth Valley that you have awarded to New Cingular Wireless. As stated by Josh Johnson of the ICL, "Although enhanced communications for first responders is an important function, the specific design and location of this tower would degrade treasured views and the core values of the SNRA. ICL encourages the Idaho Department of Lands to withhold approval of this lease and find ways for IDL and the applicant to work together with the public and other agencies in the community to find a more appropriate solution."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Theresa Williams
202 Apache Drive
Hailey, Idaho 83333

From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 1:47 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Michele Meixner at mmbodhichitta@gmail.com
Phone: 12083098596
Address: PO Box 3294
City: Ketchum
State: Idaho

Comment:

I am a resident of Idaho. I live near the Sawtooth recreational area, and I completely OPPOSE granting a lease in the SNRA Sawtooth mountains for a 195 ft. Cell phone tower!!! This is totally outrageous that you people of the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners would even consider allowing a cell tower in the middle of the wilderness. You have no right to propose this over the rights and choices of the residents of Idaho.

With the inundation of cell towers everywhere you look, the wilderness should always be unadulterated by these harmful & unsightly towers. People go to the wilderness to get away from these type of things, not to have the ability to stream movies or music. Radiation frequencies are harmful to all life.

From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 5:41 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Ellen & Tom Glaccum at eglaccum@hotmail.com
Phone: 208-774-5541
Address: Box 34
City: Stanley
State: Idaho

Comment:

We are protesting the plan to construct a huge cell tower on state land near Redfish Lake. This is incompatible and totally unnecessary as Custer Tel is willing to share their existing tower. Why do we need two? How can you go ahead and approve such an ugly, unnecessary intrusion and blight on the SNRA without any local input? Why don't local folks have a say? You are totally out of control.

Dept. of Lands

FEB 18 2020

Boise, Idaho

DONNA-MARIE HAYES

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Stanley, ID 83278
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(208) 859-4100
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February 12, 2020

Mr. Dustin Miller, Director
Idaho Department of Lands
300 North 6th Street, Ste 103
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Miller,

Being a forty-five year resident of the Sawtooth Valley and having lived through the birth of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, I am compelled to request the Department take another look at the proposed 195ft cell tower above the fish hatchery and the process for cell tower selection.

The SNRA was formed with such concern about the visual impact on the landscape that the USFS purchased with tax-payer funds over 1,000 properties up and down the Sawtooth Valley, mostly on the west side of Highway 75. It was a huge investment to preserve the visual corridor.

I understand the safety need for cell coverage, but the proposed tower extending well above the ridge, will be intrusive. Although the Department has no mandate to seek a public opinion for its plans, I hope you will reconsider working with local cell tower providers and renew a discussion with the Forest Service about moderating its opposition to *any* tower on Galena.

Sincerely,



Donna-Marie Hayes

CC: Kirk Flannigan, SNRA Ranger

From: [Department of Lands](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 4:52 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Katie Corkery at katie.corkery@cox.net
Phone: 2087889777
Address: 403 N. 2nd Avenue
City: Hailey
State: Idaho

Comment:

Hello. Please do not consider leasing land for a 195 foot cell tower in the SNRA. I feel strongly that this would deeply negatively impact the future of the Idaho wilderness. This will have many consequences. I would like to respectfully add that my family and I spend a great deal of time in the back country and carry a Spot, if we were to need medical support or rescue. The lack of cell coverage has never detoured us. Lack of cell phone coverage is actually a huge reason we head out there. Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration. I know I am not alone in my opinion and ideas.

Respectively, Katie Corkery

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BOISE, IDAHO

CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PO BOX 385
CHALLIS, ID 83226
(208) 879-2360
(208) 879-5246 (fax)

March 4, 2020

Idaho Department of Lands
Dustin Miller, Director
300 N. 6th Street, Suite #103
Boise, ID 83702

RE: AT&T-First Net Cell Tower

Dear Sirs:

The Custer County Board of Commissioners would like to address the proposed 195' cell tower project for the Stanley, Idaho area. We do not support its current height or location since there are other options that will better resolve the issues at hand.

We support those suggestions discussed with Custer Telephone Co-operative Manager Dennis Thornock to better support first responders in the Red Fish Lake recreation area.


- The 195' tower is twice as tall as needed and there are better alternatives that are more pleasing.
- It is felt that AR&T should co-locate on Custer Telephone's tower site.
- There are alternate places by Alturas Lake, and true coverage by multiple 100' towers will be more attractive to the area's residents.
- It was a challenge at best for the neighboring private property owners to accept the height of Custer Telephones tower.

There is wrong information being expressed through correspondence with the SNRA Ranger's office that "once the AT&T cell tower is in place – Custer Telephone's cell tower will come down". This is not correct in that Custer Telephone Co-op. has a lease with the Idaho State Department of Lands.

We support further cooperation with Custer Telephone in co-location on their tower site, shorter towers in multiple locations that provide full coverage. The 195' tower will not give the area full coverage as needed.

Thank you for considering our comments to better benefit the residents of the Stanley area and protect their aesthetic values.

Sincerely,


Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioners

From: [Sharla Arledge](#)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:35 PM
To: 'James Hungelmann'
Cc: [Trevor George](#)

Subject: CITIZEN REQUEST RE Proposed AT&T/ FirstNet tower in Sawtooths

From: James Hungelmann <jim.hungelmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Trevor George <tgeorge@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: CITIZEN REQUEST RE Proposed AT&T/ FirstNet tower in Sawtooths

March 12, 2020

Mr. Trevor George

Idaho State Land Board

CITIZEN REQUEST RE Proposed AT&T/ FirstNet tower in the Sawtooths

Good afternoon Mr. George:

I just called the Sate Land Board for Director Dustin Miller and was directed to you as being the Land Board/ Department of Lands manager responsible for transactions connected with the 195' AT&T/ FirstNet tower proposed for endowment land in the Sawtooths.

As a Ketchum resident, I share concerns of many Idaho citizens opposing the tower concept who would like more information about the process and what if anything might be done at this point by way of legal opposition, if warranted. I am a senior member of the Idaho Bar but do not practice law.

Preliminary review does raise serious questions about possible irregularities and illegalities in the auction process, relating to intended use, adequacy of public notice, amount of compensation, health and environmental impacts, fire hazard risk and the like, which in my view as a matter of responsible governance and legal compliance can and must be addressed immediately and certainly before any lease is consummated.

I welcome your guidance in helping clarify accurate information, to avoid citizen litigation to stop or reverse the process which unfortunately otherwise appears imminent.

If this request should be directed to or shared with other land board staff, please let me know that and direct this to them right away. Given apparent time urgency, I respectfully suggest you share this Request with the Commissioners and Governor as well.

If you deem it appropriate, please also share this Request with AT&T / FirstNet for them to assist in providing pertinent information for fair resolution.

Thank you for giving this your prompt attention

Kind regards,

James Hungelmann

Ketchum, ID

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Kenneth L. Pursley (1940-2015)
James A. McClure (1924-2011)
Raymond D. Givens (1917-2008)

May 1, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Idaho Department of Lands
Attn: Ryan Montoya
300 North 6th Street, Suite 103
Boise, ID 83702

Re: Proposed Communications Lease No. M700086

Dear Mr. Montoya:

This letter is in response to your email communication dated April 22, 2020 (“**Email**”) and is sent on behalf of our client, Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“**Custer Telephone**”).

Following our February 14, 2020 meeting with Idaho Department of Lands (“**IDL**”) and the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (“**IOEM**”), it was Custer Telephone’s understanding that IOEM would be facilitating a substantive meeting and discussion with AT&T, the applicant for Lease No. M700086 (“**Proposed Lease**”), with respect to options for co-location on Custer Telephone’s existing tower and other options for expansion of coverage in the Stanley, Idaho corridor. Since receipt of your Email, Custer Telephone has made an attempt to facilitate such substantive discussions directly with AT&T through Mr. Jonathan Hayes, who is cc’d on this correspondence.

Your Email indicates IDL plans to move forward with the Proposed Lease. The purpose of this correspondence is to outline Custer Telephone’s concerns with the Proposed Lease and to open up a dialogue to address those concerns with IDL and AT&T in the event AT&T does not elect to co-locate on Custer Telephone’s existing tower on the subject property (“**Custer Tower**”).

As you know, Custer Telephone currently leases approximately two (2) acres of property from the State of Idaho near Stanley for a communications site and the erection of a cell tower—which is Communications Site Lease M700034 (“**Custer Lease**”).¹ The special terms and conditions of the Custer Lease specifically allow Custer Telephone to use a 100 foot by 100 foot area of the leased property to site its communication facilities as shown on page 17 of the Custer Lease. Although it was not previously needed because Custer Telephone was the only lessee/user in the area, Custer Telephone now plans to fence this area as soon as possible to protect its communications equipment as shown in Figure 1 below.

Pursuant to the Custer Lease, the State of Idaho, as lessor, agreed to provide Custer Telephone with quiet enjoyment of the leased property. *See* Custer Lease § 8.B. The State of Idaho also agreed that no other lease would be granted on the leased property that would materially interfere with Custer Telephone’s use of the leased property to locate and operate its communications equipment. *See* Custer Lease § 16.E.

Custer Telephone is concerned that IDL’s approval of the Proposed Lease and AT&T’s related plans will materially interfere with Custer Telephone’s use of the leased premises. Custer Telephone’s concerns arise from its review of the plans and specifications that AT&T submitted in connection with its application for the Proposed Lease. Custer Telephone received these plans and specifications on February 18, 2020 through a public records request made to IDL.² The plans and specifications depict a new 195-foot tower and fence encroaching within Custer Telephone’s 100-foot by 100-foot tower pad. Custer Telephone’s review of the plans and specifications indicate that AT&T is proposing a fence approximately 7 feet from the Custer Tower and a 195-foot tower approximately 45 feet from the Custer Tower. *See* Figure 1 below.

If IDL enters into the Proposed Lease and permits AT&T to construct a tower per the attached plans and specifications, Custer Telephone will suffer material interference for at least the following reasons: First, the erection of a fence within 7 feet of the Custer Tower will materially inhibit Custer’s ability to access and maintain its communications equipment. Custer Telephone needs to be able to access all sides of its tower with a bucket truck for maintenance and potential future co-location. Second, the location of the proposed 195-foot tower north of the Custer Tower is directly in the propagation path of the Custer Tower’s Alpha Sector. Figure 1 below shows our best prediction of the location of the proposed tower in relation to the Alpha Sector propagation (shown as a yellow line). A 195-foot tower only 45 feet away in Custer Telephone’s Alpha Sector will materially decrease and degrade Custer Telephone’s service in the area because it would block and/or reflect the cellular signal of the Custer Tower. Third, siting a new tower so close to the Custer Tower will inhibit Custer Telephone’s ability to improve and expand its communications facilities on the site, which expansion is expressly noted in the Custer Lease.

¹ The Custer Lease is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for your convenience.

² The plans and specifications Custer Telephone received through its public records request are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.



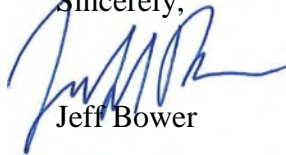
Figure 1, created using the AT&T plans and specifications

We would like to discuss design options to ensure that Custer Telephone's use of its leased property is not harmed by the Proposed Lease. Furthermore, Custer Telephone has a high degree of familiarity with the site. Custer Telephone constructed the current access road and cleared and graded the area. We believe this familiarity will help to ensure the site is used to its maximum potential while limiting the impact on the area.

We look forward to hearing from you to start a dialogue between Custer Telephone, IDL and AT&T. If we receive any new information from AT&T with respect to co-location, we will be sure to update you as soon as possible.

Idaho Department of Lands
May 1, 2020
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This correspondence is sent without prejudice to any of Custer Telephone's rights, and all such rights and claims are hereby expressly reserved.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bower

cc: Dustin Miller
AT&T (attn: Jonathan Hayes)
Jeremy C. Chou

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EXHIBIT A CUSTER LEASE



COMMUNICATION SITE LEASE Lease No. M700034 CUSTER TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

SUMMARY OF LEASE PROVISIONS:

Lessor: STATE OF IDAHO
By and through the State Board of Land Commissioners
300 North 6th Street
PO Box 83720
Boise ID 83720-0050

Lessee: Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 324
Challis, ID 83326

Lease Term: Commencement Date: July 1, 2013
Expiration Date: December 31, 2032

Rent: Rent shall be \$12,500.00 (TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) for remaining portion of the calendar year 2013. Rent shall be \$25,000.00 (TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) for the first whole calendar year of the lease (2014) as outlined in the chart below. Rent shall thereafter be adjusted annually 3%. Rent terms are more particularly described in *Section 1. Rent* of the Lease provisions.

<u>Use</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>
Cell Tower	7/1/2013 to 12/31/2013	\$12,500.00
Cell Tower	1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014	\$25,000.00

Legal Description of Leased Premises: See Attachment B of this Lease.

Lessor, in consideration of the rent paid and the covenants, conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth, in the Lease (including all Attachments), does hereby lease and demise unto Lessee the lands described in Attachment B of this Lease for the use and purposes specified herein.

Use of Leased Premises: Communication Site
See Section 2. Use of Premises within the Lease Provisions

Bond: \$10,000 bond as specified in Section 4. Bond within the Lease Provisions

Liability Insurance: \$1,000,000 General Liability Insurance
See Section 13. Insurance within the Lease Provisions.

Lease Index: SUMMARY OF LEASE PROVISIONS
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ATTACHMENT A – SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
ATTACHMENT B – LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LEASED PREMISES
ATTACHMENT C – SITE MAP(S)
ATTACHMENT D – REPORTS
ATTACHMENT E – EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

This is to certify that this is a true and correct copy of this document, the original of which is on file with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL).
Diana Barber 7/24/13
IDL Representative Date

check # 30584 , \$ 12,500.00 Custer Telephon Corp.

LEASE PROVISIONS

1. Rent.

All rent shall be paid in lawful money of the United States of America directly to the Lessor on or before January 1 of each successive year unless otherwise directed by the Lessor in writing. Lessee shall pay the Lessor, as rent for the Leased Premises, amounts as detailed in this document or any Attachments hereto, determined and payable in the manner and at the time set forth herein, without abatement, offset or deduction of any kind unless allowed by this Lease:

A. Annual Rent Subject to Modification. Lessor reserves the right to increase or decrease the annual rent to be paid by the Lessee. Any increase for the year shall be effective as of January 1 and payable by January 1. Lessor shall provide Lessee written notification one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days prior to an increase in the annual rental amount.

B. Late Payment Charge. In the event any rent due hereunder is not paid in full when due, Lessee shall pay, in addition to such rent, a late charge in the first calendar month of such delinquency the amount of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) or one percent (1%) of the unpaid rent, whichever is greater. For each subsequent calendar month of such delinquency, Lessee shall pay an additional late charge equal to one percent (1%) of the then unpaid delinquency. The parties acknowledge and agree that the late charge described herein is a reasonable attempt to estimate and to compensate Lessor for higher administration costs associated with administering such late payments and is not intended as a penalty. By assessing this late charge, Lessor does not waive any right to declare a breach and to pursue any right or remedy available to Lessor by reason of such breach, after expiration of any applicable notice or cure period.

C. Extensions of Time to Pay. Lessee may make application to extend the time for paying rent in accordance with the then existing statutes, rules and policy applicable to state endowment lands. If an extension is requested and approved by Lessor before the deadline for paying rent, then the Lessee shall not be required to pay a late payment charge, but shall be required to pay interest, in addition to such rent, at the then existing rate established by the Lessor.

D. Lien. The amount of the unpaid rent, late charge, and interest shall be a lien on the Lessee's improvements and other property on the Leased Premises.

2. Use of Premises.

A. Lessee leases the Leased Premises for - **Cell Tower.**

B. Any new or additional use of the Leased Premises requires Lessor's prior written consent. Any new or additional use by Lessee without the authorization of Lessor is prohibited and is grounds for termination of the Lease as defined herein.

C. Lessee agrees to not commit, nor permit any damage to or waste upon the Leased Premises or upon any of the improvements, nor permit any unlawful use of the Leased Premises, nor permit any use thereof except for the purposes stated herein.

D. Communications Equipment. Use of communications equipment is contingent upon the possession of a valid Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorization or any other appropriate federal, state, or local agency authorization. Use of communications equipment is also contingent upon strict compliance with applicable requirements of FCC or other appropriate federal, state, or local agency. Installation of towers, poles, antennas or other equipment shall not exceed applicable FCC standards.

E. Interference with Others. The Lessee and its Sublessees shall ensure that equipment within the Leased Premises (including tenant and customer equipment) operates in a manner which will not cause harmful interference with the operation of existing equipment on or adjacent to the Leased Premises. If the Lessor or authorized official of the FCC determines that the Lessee's use interferes with existing equipment, the Lessee will promptly take the necessary steps to eliminate or reduce the harmful interference to the satisfaction of the Lessor or FCC official. The cost for additional frequency filtering devices, as well as costs for engineering test and installation of devices which may be required to establish protection, shall be borne entirely by the applicant for the new or additional use of the Leased Premises.

- F. **Compatibility Tests.** The Lessee shall be responsible for scheduling and conducting compatibility tests of all equipment installed after the effective date of this Lease and modifying this equipment if its operation interferes with that of other Sublessees of Lessees occupying adjacent sites on the effective date of this Lease. Written notice must be given to other Lessees or Sublessees at least two (2) weeks prior to the test date. Test requirements may be waived if such is agreed to, in writing, by other lessees. If, subsequent to initial testing, equipment is installed that operates on a different frequency or power output, then additional compatibility tests must be scheduled as provided in this section.
- G. **Reports.** Lessee shall complete and submit an "ANNUAL CO-LOCATOR INVENTORY and CERTIFICATION OF FACILITY OWNER OR MANAGER" report (Attachment D) to the IDL Supervisory Area office by January 31st of each year.

At Lessor's sole discretion, additional reports, including reports containing technical information related to equipment located on the Leased Premises may be requested by the Lessor.

3. **Lease Terms and Conditions.**

By April 30 of the year of expiration of the Lease, Lessee may apply for another lease term. Lessee understands and agrees that the Lessor has the sole discretion relating to the lease provisions and any special terms and conditions offered in any renewed lease and understands and agrees that the lease provisions and any special terms and conditions in a new lease may be materially different than this Lease. The Lessor will consider a lease renewal(s) only when the Lessee has complied with all of the Lease Provisions and any Special Terms and Conditions of this Lease and fully and faithfully performed all duties and obligations herein. If Lessor and Lessee cannot successfully negotiate the rent and terms of the new lease prior to the expiration date hereof, Lessee agrees to vacate the premises in accordance with the Lease Provisions and any Special Terms and Conditions, and prior to the expiration date, of this Lease.

4. **Bond.**

Concurrent to the execution of this Lease by the Lessee, the Lessee will furnish a good and sufficient bond in the amount specified in the Summary of Lease Provisions in the favor of the State of Idaho to protect the state against loss due to violation of any clause of this Lease. The period of liability of any bond shall not be determined until all Lease Provisions and any Special Terms and Conditions have been fulfilled and the bond is released in writing by the Director. Said written release shall occur no later than one year after the expiration of the Lease, unless otherwise agreed.

5. **Sublease and Assignment.**

- A. **No Sublease or Assignment Without Consent.** Lessee shall not sublease all or any part of the Leased Premises, or sublease all or any part of Lessee's improvements, or assign this Lease, or take out a mortgage or deed of trust without first obtaining the written consent of Lessor.
- B. **Necessary Forms.** Any request for approval of a sublease, assignment, mortgage, or deed of trust must be in writing, on forms provided by the Lessor and accompanied by a processing fee. Any attempt by Lessee to sublease Lessee's interest in all or any part of the land or all or any part of the Lessee's improvements, or to assign this Lease, or to take out a mortgage or deed of trust, without the prior written consent of Lessor, shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Lease.
- C. **Good Standing Required.** No request for Lessor's approval of any assignment or sublease will be considered unless all rent due, late payment charges, and interest have been paid in full, and Lessee is in good standing under the terms of the Lease.
- D. **Assignment Subject to Terms.** Any assignment shall be subject to all of the terms and provisions of this Lease.
- E. **Specific Transaction Only.** Any consent by Lessor herein contained or hereafter given to any act or assignment, mortgage, pledge, or encumbrance shall be held to apply only to the specific transaction hereby or thereby approved.
- F. **Proof of Assignment.** In cases of assignment due to sale of the Lessee's interest, Lessee must provide to Lessor one copy of the purchase agreement or contract of sale signed and acknowledged by the buyer (Assignee) and seller (Assignor). In the case of assignment without a sale, appropriate documentation must be provided to the

Lessor establishing that the Lease should be assigned. This may include, but not be limited to, a letter from Lessee indicating the transfer of the Lease as a gift; a divorce decree; a copy of will or probate order. Lessor may require additional proof as necessary.

- G. A Co-Locator is another user of the Leased Premises which uses separate broadcast and/or receiver equipment from the lessee; has separate FCC frequencies and is licensed separately by the FCC regardless of who owns the equipment, frequency, or license; and is considered a sublessee under the terms of this Lease.
- H. Lessee may sublease portions of its specific improvement to additional users, provided that each such sublease shall be subject to all terms of this Lease, including termination of Lessee's interest under this Lease. Any such sublease shall be subject to and subordinate to the rights of the Lessor under this Lease, and any such sublease shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - i. No sublease shall relieve Lessee of its responsibility to pay and perform all of its obligations under this Lease to Lessor.
 - ii. The term of the sublease may not exceed the term of this Lease.
 - iii. The Lessor is not liable for acts or omissions of the Lessee.
 - iv. The Sublessee will abide by all terms of this Lease
 - v. The Lessor is not liable for pre-payment, security deposits or other pre-paid charges made to Lessee by sublessees should this Lease be terminated.

The Lessor may impose additional requirements as a condition of approving the sublease request.

6. Lessee's Compliance with Applicable Laws and Rules.

- A. Full Compliance. Lessee's use of the Leased Premises and all improvements constructed thereon, shall fully comply with all statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations and laws of applicable federal, state and local governmental authorities. Lessee shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations and standards currently in effect or hereafter adopted by Lessor.
- B. No Waste or Nuisance. Lessee shall not use the Leased Premises in any manner that would constitute waste, nor shall the Lessee allow the same to be committed thereon. The Lessee shall not do anything or allow any action which will create a nuisance or a danger to persons or property.
- C. Noxious Weeds. It is understood and agreed that the lessee shall take measures to control noxious weeds within the Leased Premises, in accordance with Title 22, Chapter 24, Idaho Code. The Lessee shall cooperate with state and other agencies authorized to undertake programs for control and/or eradication of noxious weeds. Failure to comply will be considered a breach of this Lease and shall be considered a default pursuant to the Lease Provisions, Section 17 herein.

7. Environmental, Safety, and Sanitary Requirements.

- A. Sanitary Requirements. Lessee shall at all times keep the Leased Premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free of trash, noxious weeds, garbage and litter, so that the Leased Premises is maintained in as nearly natural state as possible. Lessee shall not dispose of sewage except in conformity with applicable federal, state, and local law, rules and regulations pertinent to Lessee's use. The Lessee shall store and dispose of all trash and garbage in conformity with all legal requirements. Lessee is responsible for all costs associated with sewage, garbage and litter disposal.
- B. Fire and Safety Regulations. Lessee shall comply with all applicable state laws and the rules for fire protection and prevention of fire. Lessee agrees to keep the Leased Premises free from fire hazards. Lessee is prohibited from burning garbage or household trash. The burning of wood or other debris requires the prior written permission of Lessor and must comply with applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, rule, or ordinance.
- C. No Hazardous Materials. Lessee shall neither use nor permit upon the Leased Premises or premises the use, placement, transport or disposal of any hazardous waste or any other substance that is or is suspected to be a hazardous substance or material except as provided by federal, state or local law, regulation or ordinance of

manufacture. Lessee shall be responsible, at its own expense, for removing or taking other appropriate remedial action regarding such wastes, substances, or materials which Lessee may cause to be introduced, in accordance with applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance.

8. No Warranty of Suitability.

- A. No Warranty. Lessee acknowledges that neither the Lessor, nor any agent or designee of the Lessor, has made any representation or warranty with respect to the Leased Premises or concerning the suitability of the Leased Premises for the uses intended by the Lessee. Lessee acknowledges that it has accepted the Leased Premises in an "As Is Condition," and accepts liability for its condition.
- B. Quiet Enjoyment. Lessor agrees that the Lessee, upon payment of the rent and performing the terms of this Lease, may quietly have, hold, and enjoy the Leased Premises during the term hereof.

9. Payment of Taxes and Assessments.

On or before any due dates, the Lessee agrees to pay any and all real or personal property taxes, assessment or fees that may be assessed or levied by a governmental authority asserting such authority over the Leased Premises or its improvements. Lessee shall make such payment directly to the taxing authority and hold Lessor harmless from any claim or assessment.

10. Construction and Improvements.

- A. Water Development. Lessee shall not drill new water wells, use existing water wells, nor develop any use of any water source without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Lessor and the applicable governmental authorities responsible for adjudicating and developing water rights. Lessee agrees that all water rights shall be in the name of the State of Idaho.
- B. Construction and Repair of Improvements. No construction of improvements upon or over the Leased Premises is allowed without prior consent of the Lessor.
- C. Liens or Encumbrances. Lessee has no authority to and shall not place a lien upon or encumber the Leased Premises, other state land or state owned improvements. The Lessee shall not place a lien upon or encumber the lease or Lessee owned improvements unless given prior written consent by the Lessor.
- D. Treatment of Existing Improvements. Existing improvements, as of the date of execution of this Lease, are attached hereto and incorporated herein in Attachment E. Upon Lease expiration without renewal; Lease termination; or upon default of the Lessee:
 - i. Lessor shall have the right to require Lessee to remove all improvements, placed upon the Leased Premises, and to require Lessee to restore the Leased Premises, as nearly as is reasonably practical, to its natural or previous condition, all at Lessee's sole cost and expense.
 - ii. Lessor has the right to enter the Leased Premises and remove any of the improvements, or otherwise dispose of such improvements, and charge the cost of removal and/or disposal and restoration to Lessee. Lessee shall also be responsible for all collection costs, including legal fees and interest.
 - iii. Lessee shall quietly surrender the Leased Premises to Lessor.
 - iv. Lessor shall reserve the right to purchase existing improvements from Lessee at a reasonable market value, as defined in Section 10.F. of the Lease Provisions, as of the date of expiration.
- E. Treatment of Improvements Upon Abandonment. If such removal or purchase as described herein, has not occurred by the date that the Lease expires and has not been renewed, has been terminated, or at the date of Lessee default, all rights, title and interest of the Lessee to any of the improvements, shall upon thirty (30) days written notice to Lessee, or at a date determined at the sole discretion of the Lessor but not less than thirty (30) days, be deemed to revert to the State of Idaho, and shall be considered abandoned in place by the Lessee.
- F. Market Value. Market value is defined in this Lease as "The most probable price, as of a specified date, in cash, or in terms equivalent to cash, or in other precisely revealed terms for which the specified improvement(s) should sell after reasonable exposure in a competitive market under all conditions requisite to a fair sale, with the buyer

and seller each acting prudently, knowledgeably, and for self-interest and assuming that neither is under undue duress."

- G. Disputes arising out of a determination of Market Value of the improvements shall follow these procedures:
- i. The approved improvements shall be valued by a qualified employee of Lessor or by an independent licensed appraiser hired by and at the cost of the Lessor. All valuations shall be administered and controlled by Lessor, and all appraisers shall use appraisal instructions provided by the Lessor. The Lessor reserves the right to accept or reject any valuation at its discretion. The valuation of the improvements shall be as of the date of the expiration or termination or non-renewal or default of the Lessee.
 - ii. The Lessee has sixty (60) days to review said appraisal. If the valuation is not acceptable to the Lessee, the Lessee may, within this timeframe, provide relevant, authenticated information for Lessor's review and consideration that may support a different improvement valuation.
 - iii. The Lessee and Lessor shall meet to review the circumstances and try to resolve the differences in the valuation within 15 business days of the end of the sixty (60) day review period described above.
 - iv. If the differences in this valuation cannot be resolved, then the Lessor may appoint a three (3) person panel to make recommendations to the Director of the Department of Lands. All information shall be reviewed by this panel as to the market value of the improvements. The Lessee is responsible for any additional expenses incurred by the Lessor and the Lessee during the process defined in Section 10.G.i., Section 10.G.ii., Section 10.G.iii and Section 10.G.iv. of these Lease Provisions.
- H. Treatment of Non-approved Improvements at any time during the Lease and upon Lease expiration without renewal, or termination, or default under the Lease.
- i. Lessor shall have the right to require Lessee to remove all non-approved improvements placed, or caused to be placed upon the Leased Premises, and to require Lessee to restore the Leased Premises, as nearly as is reasonably practical, to its natural or previous condition, all at Lessee's sole cost and expense. If removal as described above has not occurred by the date that the Lease expires and the Lease has not been renewed, has been terminated, or at the date of the Lessee default, all rights to title and interest of the Lessee to any of the non-approved improvements shall upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Lessee, or at a date determined at the sole discretion of the Lessor, but not less than thirty (30) days, be deemed to revert to the State of Idaho, and shall be considered abandoned in place by the Lessee.
 - ii. Any non-approved improvements not removed by the Lessee may be removed by the Lessor at the Lessee's sole cost and expense. Any attorney fees and collection costs incurred by the Lessor shall also be the Lessee's responsibility. Lessor has the right to enter the Leased Premises and remove any of the improvements, or otherwise dispose of such improvements, and charge the cost of removal and/or disposal and restoration to the Lessee. Lessee shall also be responsible for all collection costs including, but not limited to, attorneys fees and interest.

11. Sale, Exchange or Change in Use of Leased Premises.

- A. Sale. Lessor may sell all or any portion of the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease. Lessor will notify Lessee that the Leased Premises are being considered for sale at the time the proposed sale is scheduled for submission to Lessor for approval. Lessee will be notified of a scheduled sale at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to sale date. Lessee shall deliver immediate possession of the land sold unto Lessor, or to the person or party as may be specified in writing by Lessor or Lessor's designee, unless the land remains subject to the Lease, or unless Lessee is to be permitted to harvest a growing crop before surrendering possession. When creditable improvements are present, and Lessee delivers possession of the land, Lessor shall value them in accordance with Idaho Code § 58-313, or the then existing applicable statute or rule, and Lessee shall be paid for the improvements by the purchaser on the day of sale. Lessee shall have the rights provided by Section 10 of the Lease Provisions, and the then existing statutes or rules with respect to compensation for permitted improvements placed upon the Leased Premises by Lessee.
- B. Consent To Land Exchange. Lessee acknowledges that the Leased Premises, or any portion thereof, may be the subject of a future land exchange by Lessor, and Lessee hereby consents to the inclusion of any such land, or portion thereof, in any land exchange deemed necessary or appropriate by Lessor. This consent is given in compliance with Idaho Code § 58-138. In the event Lessor chooses to include the Leased Premises, or any

portion thereof, in any proposed land exchange in the future, Lessor shall provide Lessee with at least thirty (30) days written notice. Upon the consummation of the proposed land exchange, that portion of lands included within the exchange shall be deleted from this Lease, and Lessee's Lease payment obligation for the ensuing year shall be reduced proportionately. Lessee shall be entitled to continue to use the lands included within any such exchange for the balance of the year in which the exchange occurs unless otherwise notified in writing by Lessor, in which event the Lease payment for such year shall be prorated.

- C. Change in Use. The Lease may be cancelled in whole or in part upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar days written notice by Lessor if the use of the Leased Premises is to be changed to any other use that is incompatible with the use authorized by this Lease, as designated by Lessor. In the event of early cancellation due to change in land use, Lessee will be entitled to a prorated refund of the premium bid for a conflicted lease.

12. Relations of the Parties.

Lessee is not an officer, employee, or agent of the Lessor. Lessee covenants that it will satisfy and hold Lessor harmless against any lien, judgment, or encumbrance filed or made against the Leased Premises at the Lessee's sole and separate cost or expense.

13. Insurance.

Lessee shall purchase and keep in force all insurance required by this Lease. Any failure to comply with any of the terms of this section shall be a breach under Term 17 of this Lease.

- A. Commercial General Liability. Lessee shall obtain, at Lessee's expense, and keep in effect during the term of this Lease, Commercial General Liability Insurance covering bodily injury and property damage caused by or resulting from the occupancy, use, and operations of any other activity on the Leased Premises carried on by Lessee, its assigns, agents, operators or contractors. This insurance shall include personal injury coverage and contractual liability coverage for the indemnity provided under this lease. Coverage shall be combined single limit per occurrence, which shall not be less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), or the equivalent. Each annual aggregate limit shall not be less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), when applicable.
- B. Property Insurance. Lessee shall, throughout the term of this Lease and at its own expense, keep and maintain in full force and effect, property insurance for what is commonly referred to as "All Risk" coverage, excluding earthquake and flood, on Lessee's improvements and personal property.
- C. Workers' Compensation. Lessee shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability, together with all other coverages required therefor.
- D. Additional Insured. The liability insurance coverage required for performance of the Lease shall include the State of Idaho, the Board of Land Commissioners, and the Department of Lands, its officers, agents, and employees as additional insureds, but only with respect to the Lessee's activities (including the activities of Lessee's agents, operators, employees or contractors) relating to this Lease and/or any such activities upon, or related to, the Leased Premises. If the land surface and/or the improvements thereon covered by the Lease have been sold or leased by Lessor, then any such new owner or leaseholder of the surface rights and/or improvements shall also be an additional insured.
- E. Insurance Policy Requirements. All policies required under this Section shall be written as primary policies and not contributing to or in excess of any coverage Lessor may choose to maintain. All insurers shall have a Bests' rating of A- or better, and be authorized to do business in the State of Idaho. There shall be no cancellation, material change, potential exhaustion of aggregate limits or intent not to renew insurance coverage without thirty (30) days written notice from Lessee and its insurer to Lessor; provided however, that if such prior advanced written notice cannot reasonably be provided, then the Lessee and its insurer shall immediately notify Lessor as soon as either becomes aware of any such cancellation, termination, material change, or intent not to renew. In any event, Lessee shall immediately notify Lessor of any such notice of cancellation, termination, material change, or intent not to renew any policy required by this Lease and shall deliver to Lessor a copy of any such notice upon receipt thereof from any insurer.
- F. Proof of Insurance. Prior to taking occupancy or commencing operations or construction, and at least annually thereafter, Lessee shall furnish Lessor with a certificate of insurance executed by a representative of each insurer duly authorized to bind coverage, together with a copy of any applicable policy and policy endorsement showing compliance with all insurance requirements set forth herein including evidencing Lessor as additional insured.

Lessee shall provide certified copies of all insurance policies required above within fifteen (15) days of Lessor's written request for certified copies. Failure of Lessor to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of Lessor to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Lessee's obligation to maintain such insurance.

- G. No Limitation of Liability. By requiring insurance herein, Lessor does not represent that coverage and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect Lessee, and such coverage and limits shall not be deemed as a limitation on Lessee's liability pursuant to this Lease.

14. Indemnification.

Lessee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Lessor, the State of Idaho, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any liability, claims, damages, losses, debts, obligations, judgments, expenses or actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees caused by or arising out of any act or omission of Lessee, or Lessee's agents, employees or invitees, or any act or omission arising out of or connected with the use or occupation of the Leased Premises or arising from the Lessee or Lessee's agents, or employees' failure to comply with any applicable law. If it becomes necessary for the Lessor to defend any action seeking to impose any such liability, the Lessee will pay the Lessor all costs of court and attorneys' fees incurred by the Lessor in effecting such defense in addition to all other sums that the Lessor may be called upon to pay by reason of the entry of a judgment against it in the litigation in which such claim is asserted. This indemnification shall survive the termination or expiration of this Lease.

15. Inspection and Audit Rights.

- A. Inspection by Lessor. Lessee shall permit Lessor or Lessor's authorized agent or designee to inspect and enter the Leased Premises and any improvements at any reasonable time.
- B. Audit Rights. The Lessor shall have the right to audit, in such a manner, and at all reasonable times as it deems appropriate, all activities of the Lessee arising in the course of its operation under this Lease. Lessee must maintain its books, records, documents, and other evidence of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles so as to properly reflect its business. At sole discretion of the Lessor an audit of the Lessee's books or the supporting tax documents that have been filed with the Internal Revenue Service or the State Sales Tax Report may be performed by a Certified Public Accountant or agent of the Department of Lands. If gross receipts is applicable under this Lease, and if an audit of gross receipts shows a discrepancy of ten percent (10%) or more of any amounts due under this Lease, any additional rental owed, all late charges calculated from the date the additional rent would have been due and the entire cost of the audit, shall be paid to the Lessor within thirty (30) days written notice to Lessee, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by Lessor.

16. Reservations by Lessor.

- A. The Lessor expressly reserves and excepts the following rights from the Lease:
- B. All timber rights, rights for oil and gas, geothermal rights, mineral rights, easements and rights-of-way, fee title to the Leased Premises, and title to all appurtenances and improvements placed thereon by the Lessor.
- C. The right to grant easements over the Leased Premises, providing said easements do not conflict in a material way with the approved improvements installed and maintained or operated by the Lessee upon the Leased Premises.
- D. The right to require that changes be made to the sanitation or other facilities for the protection of public health, safety or preservation of the Leased Premises.
- E. The right to issue leases for exploration and development of oil, gas, geothermal and mineral resources or any other lease, so long as such other use does not materially interfere with the authorized use under this Lease.
- F. To reserve, as its sole property, any and all water from any source arising on state land and to hold the water rights for any beneficial use that may develop as a result of this Lease.
- G. Right of ingress and egress over and across the herein described premises for itself and its assigns on existing roads or suitable alternative roads provided by the Lessee.

17. Lessee's Default.

- A. Lessee's breach of any of the terms of this Lease is a default and is a basis for termination of the Lease. Lessor shall provide Lessee written notice of the breach or violation and, if applicable, the corrective action required of Lessee. The notice shall specify the reasonable time to make a correction or cure the violation or breach. If the corrective action or cure is not taken within the specified time or does not occur, then the Lessor shall cancel the Lease effective on the date specified for the corrective action or cure to have taken place.
- B. Lessee agrees to relinquish possession of the Leased Premises upon cancellation of the Lease with all permanent improvements thereon in good order and condition. In addition to the rights and remedies specifically granted to Lessor under this Lease, Lessor shall have such other rights and remedies as against Lessee as may be available at law or in equity, and Lessor's pursuit of any particular remedy for breach or default shall not, in and of itself, constitute a waiver or relinquishment of any other available claim of Lessor against Lessee.

18. Notices.

- A. All notice(s) including, but not limited to, a change in address, given in connection with the Lease shall reference the Lease number, shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by hand or by regular United States Mail to Lessor at the address listed in the Summary of Lease Provisions, and to Lessee at the address listed in Summary of Lease Provisions.
- B. Any notice or correspondence mailed to Lessee at the last identified address shall be deemed effective delivery. It is the Lessee's duty to notify Lessor, in writing, of any change in Lessee's mailing address.

19. Waiver.

The waiver by the Lessor of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition of this Lease shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any past, present, or future breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition of this Lease. The acceptance of rent by the Lessor hereunder shall not be construed to be a waiver of any term of this Lease. No payment by the Lessee of any amount less than that due and owing, according to the terms of this Lease shall be deemed or construed to be other than a partial payment on account of the most recent rent due, nor shall any endorsement or statement of any check or letter accompanying any payment be deemed to create an accord and satisfaction.

20. Attorneys Fees and Costs.

In the event either party to this Lease shall institute a lawsuit of any kind under this Lease or action is taken by either party to obtain performance of any kind under this Lease, the unsuccessful party to such litigation agrees to pay to the prevailing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys fees, accountants fees and appraisers fees and fees of other experts, incurred therein by the prevailing party, including all such costs and expenses incurred with respect to an appeal and such may be included in the judgment entered in such action.

21. Officials, Agents and Employees Not Personally Liable.

In no event shall any official, officer, employee or agent of the State be in any way personally liable or responsible for any covenant or obligation contained in this Lease, express or implied, nor for any statement, representation or warranty made in connection herewith.

22. Miscellaneous.

- A. Modification. The Lease Provisions, excluding the rent adjustments, may be modified only by the prior written consent of the authorized representatives of the Lessor and Lessee.
- B. Complete Statement of Terms. No other understanding, whether oral or written, whether made prior to or contemporaneously with this Lease, shall be deemed to enlarge, limit, or otherwise effect the operation of this Lease.
- C. Lessee's Non-Discrimination. Lessee shall not discriminate against any person because of race, creed, religion, color, sex, national origin or disability.

- D. Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings, titles, and captions used in this Lease are not to be construed as interpretations, but are inserted for convenience and reference only.
- E. Entire Agreement. This Lease (including the Summary of Lease Provisions, Lease Provisions, Signature Pages and all Attachments) contain the entire agreement between the parties as of the date executed concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements. The execution of this Lease has not been induced by either party, or any agent of either party, by representations, promises, or undertakings whatsoever between the respective parties concerning this Lease except those which are expressly contained herein.
- F. Governing Law and Forum. This Lease shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Idaho and the parties consent to the jurisdiction of Idaho State Courts located in Ada County in the event of any dispute with respect to this Lease.
- G. Binding on Heirs and Successors. It is understood and agreed that all terms, covenants, and conditions hereof shall be binding upon the approved subleases, approved assignees and Lessee's heirs or successors in interest.
- H. Severability. In the event any provision of this Lease shall be held invalid or unenforceable according to law, for any reason whatsoever, then the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired.
- I. License/Authorizations. Lessee shall be responsible for paying any fees for any license or authorizations that may be required from other entities as required in the course of doing business as it relates to this Lease.

This Lease (including the Summary of Lease Provisions, Lease Provisions, Signature Pages, and all Attachments) is made and entered into by and between the State of Idaho, acting by and through the Lessor, and Lessee.

LESSOR SIGNATURES

COUNTERSIGNED: STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Ben Yursa
Secretary of the State of Idaho

Carl Butch Otter
President of the State Board of Land Commissioners
and Governor of the State of Idaho

Thomas M. Schultz, Jr.
Director of the Department of Lands

STATE OF IDAHO)
COUNTY OF ADA)
:SS

On this 18th day of July, in the year 2013, before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared C. L. "Butch" Otter, known to me to be the president of the State Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Idaho and the Governor of the State of Idaho; and Ben Yursa, known to me to be the Secretary of the State of Idaho and Thomas M. Schultz, Jr., known to me to be the Director, that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that the State Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Idaho and the State of Idaho executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year last above written.

Notary Public: Vanessa Wilson
Commission Expiration: 8-11-2014



LESSEE SIGNATURE(S)

x C. R. Severe (Lessee/Company) President

x _____ (Lessee/Company)

x _____ (Lessee/Company)

x _____ (Lessee/Company)

STATE OF Idaho)
COUNTY OF Custer)
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On this 8 day of July, in the year 2013, before me Jentre Spencer, a Notary Public, personally appeared Clayton R. Severe, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he (she) (they) executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year last above written.

Notary Public: Jentre Spencer
Commission Expiration: 10-3-2018



ATTACHMENT A

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Communications Site Sublessee/Co-Locator Inventory:

Attachment D of this lease includes a sublessee inventory report form. The form is designed to assist the lessee and IDL in maintaining a current inventory of sublessees in accordance with term 5.A, 5.G, and 5.H. Lessee shall make a copy of the blank report form each year, complete the blanks in the form, and return the form to IDL no later than January 31 each year.

- a. In addition to the annual base rent, compensation for co-locators shall be as follows:
 - i. Annually, for each co-locator, Lessee shall pay **EITHER** of 25% of gross revenue obtained from each co-locator **OR** the amount indicated on the Lessor's standard communication site schedule coinciding with co-locators specific use, **WHICHEVER IS GREATER**. These amounts shall increase annually by 3% or more.
2. As part of this lease, Lessee shall build an access road according to the following specifications to the cell tower site as shown on map attached to this lease:
 - a. The centerline of this road shall begin 15 feet north of the south end of the Sheep Herder Drive ROW along the most easterly edge of Lot 100 of the Stanley Basin Cabin Sites #2 subdivision and proceed southwesterly through the SE corner of said lot 100, following the flagged, predetermined path to the proposed cell tower site, as roughly shown on the attached map.
 - b. This road shall be approximately 2560' long. Construction of the road shall be kept within 15' of each side of the centerline of the road.
 - c. Driving surface of the road shall be no less than 15' wide with occasional turn-outs for two way traffic.
 - d. Road shall have appropriately sized culverts in appropriate places and properly functioning drainage ditches. All culverts and their sizes must be approved on the ground by IDL prior to installation.
 - e. Drive through rolling drain dips and/or cross ditches will be installed in the road running surface where needed at the time of construction.
 - f. This road shall be left in place at the termination of lease M700034. The Idaho Department of Lands reserves all rights to use this road for any purposes so long as it does not negatively affect the Lessee's use of the site.
 - g. For the duration of the lease, the lessee shall have full access on this road for construction and maintenance of the road and associated cell tower.
 - h. For the duration of the lease, the lessee shall at its own expense maintain the road in good, fully functioning condition.
 - i. Lessee shall place a locked gate at the location shown on attached detail map (approximately 1000' from the beginning of the road). Upon completion of the construction and placement of the gate, the lessee shall provide the Idaho Department of Lands (Lessor) with a key to the gate. Lessee shall keep the gate in good, fully functioning condition.
 - j. A vehicle turn around area shall be created within 100' of the south side (downhill side) of the gate.

**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
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- k. Lessee shall place a sign at the beginning of the newly constructed road indicating that the road is gated +/- 1000' ahead.
 - l. Lessee shall seed the disturbed areas along the roadway and tower site as follows:
 - i. Broadcast seed mix (approximately 12 pounds/acre).
 - A. Perform work between September 15, 2013 and November 30, 2013, and only after roadwork and cell tower construction are complete.
 - B. Rake or harrow in to insure good seed/soil contact.
 - ii. Seed mix shall contain a minimum of 10#/acre of grass seed and 2#/acre of forb seed.
 - iii. Seed mix shall contain some or all of the following species within the above categories:
 - A. Grasses: Idaho Fescue, Mountain Brome, Western Wheatgrass.
 - 1. Desired, but not required varieties include "Winchester" Idaho Fescue, "Bromer CT" Mountain Brome, and "Rosanna" Western Wheatgrass. "Standard" or "Common" (non-variety) labeled seed of these species is acceptable.
 - B. Forbs: Lupine, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Yarrow.
 - iv. Seed must be Idaho noxious weed seed free and should test a minimum 85% PLS with 85% germination.
 - m. For general road building guidance, Lessee shall refer to the State Forester Forum guidelines attached to the associated IDL Road Use Permit (RUP 80-0581).
- 3. The State hereby reserves right of ingress and egress on such roads for the purpose of management and removal of resources from other state lands, so long as the exercise of such reserved rights does not materially interfere with operations of the Lessee under this lease.
 - 4. Lessee's maintenance work shall include keeping the road surface graded, the berm on the outside edge removed, the inside ditches open, culverts and culvert catch basins clean, rolling dips and sediment traps maintained, and dust abatement as needed. Side casting of surface material shall be minimized by spreading the material on the road surface. Damaged culverts will be repaired or replaced at the Lessee's expense.
 - 5. The cross-ditching and road maintenance shall be done in a satisfactory manner or the State will hire it done at the Lessee's expense.
 - 6. This lease shall additionally authorize the Lessee, for the sole purpose of providing utility services for the cell tower and facility, to install underground utilities including fiber optic cable and power within the 30' wide roadway of the above described road.
 - 7. Cell tower site shall be no greater than 100'X100' and lie approximately in the location shown on the attached map.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
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8. Tower and tower site shall be limited to the following specifications:
 - a. Tower height shall be kept low enough that lighting is not required by the FAA.
 - b. Tower shall be painted to match surrounding environment.
 - c. Tower, site and associated buildings shall be built according to the site plans in Attachment C of this lease. Any changes or alterations to the site or structures shall require prior written approval of the Lessor.
9. This lease is associated with an Idaho Department of Lands Road Use Permit (#RUP-80-0581), Utility Easement (#ES700016), and Submerged Land Easement (#ES700015).
10. Upon termination of this Lease, Lessee shall, at their own expense, remove any and all improvements from the property *except*:
 - a. Any concrete at a depth greater than 5 feet below the natural surface of the ground.
 - b. Underground utility lines in good and functioning condition.
 - c. ny improvements abandoned by the Lessee that the Idaho Department of Lands elects to assume ownership of at no cost.

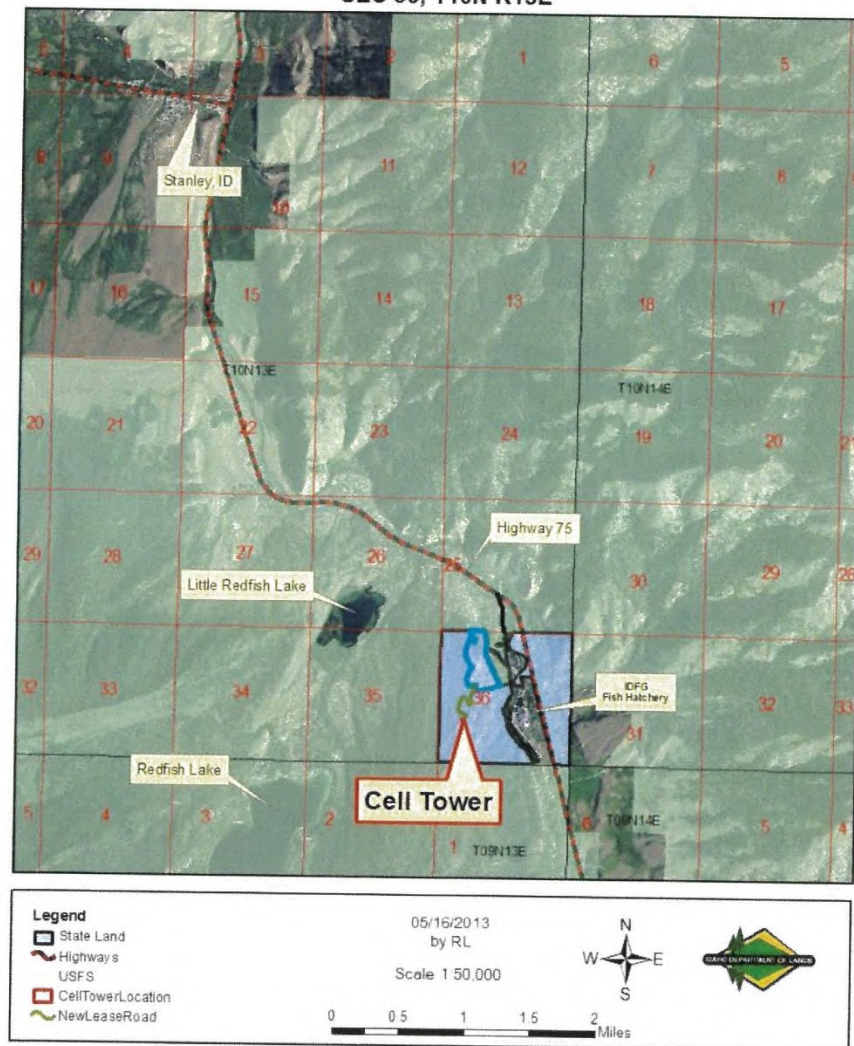
ATTACHMENT B
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LEASED PREMISES

Lease Number	Township Range Section	Legal Description	County	Fund	Acres
M700034	10N-13E 36	Pts SWNW, Gov't Lot 3, NWSW	Custer	PS	+/-2.0

ATTACHMENT C

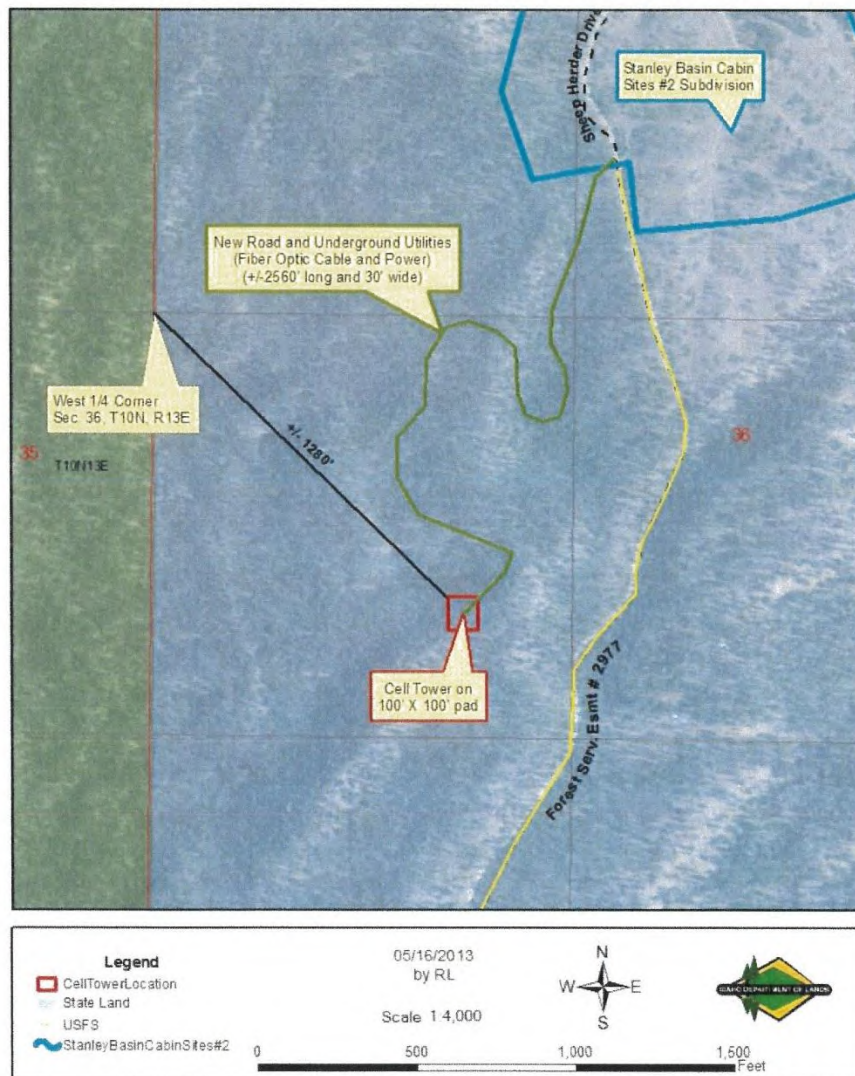
SITE MAP(S)

Vicinity Map
M700034 Custer Telephone
SEC 36, T10N R13E

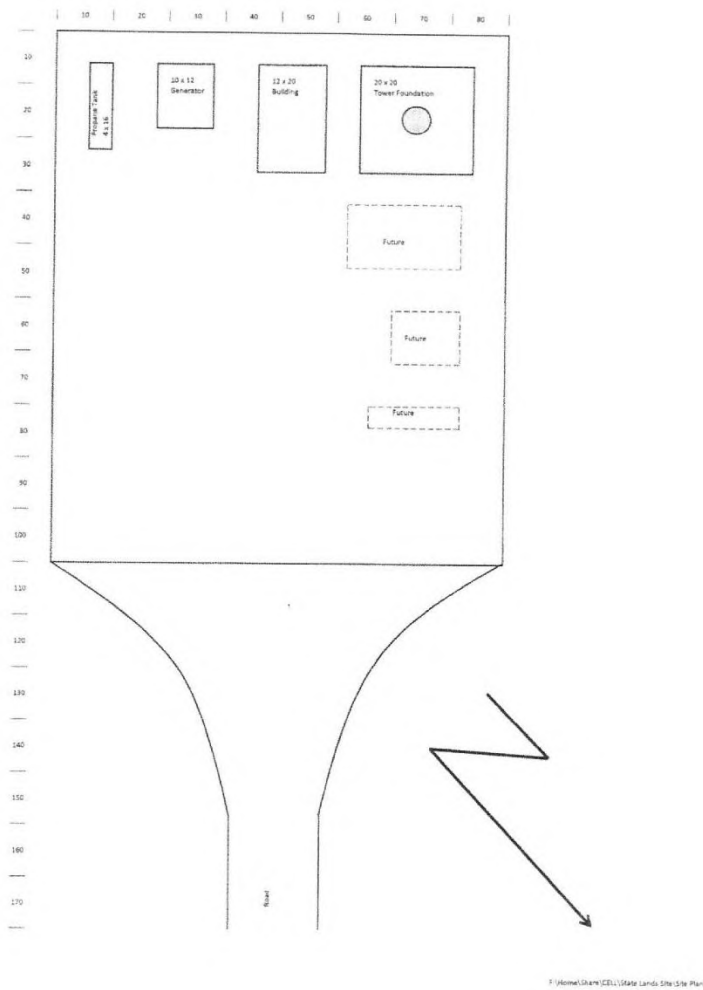


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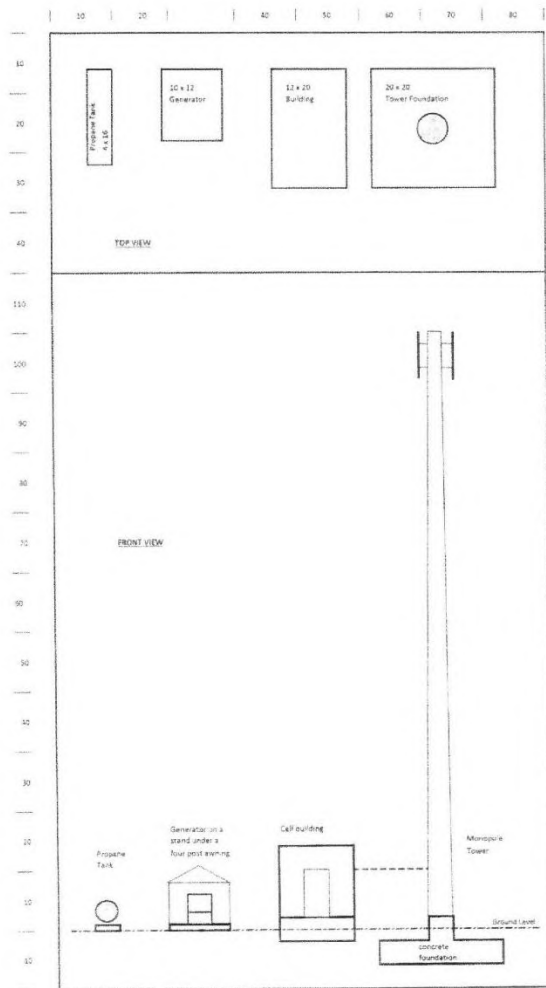
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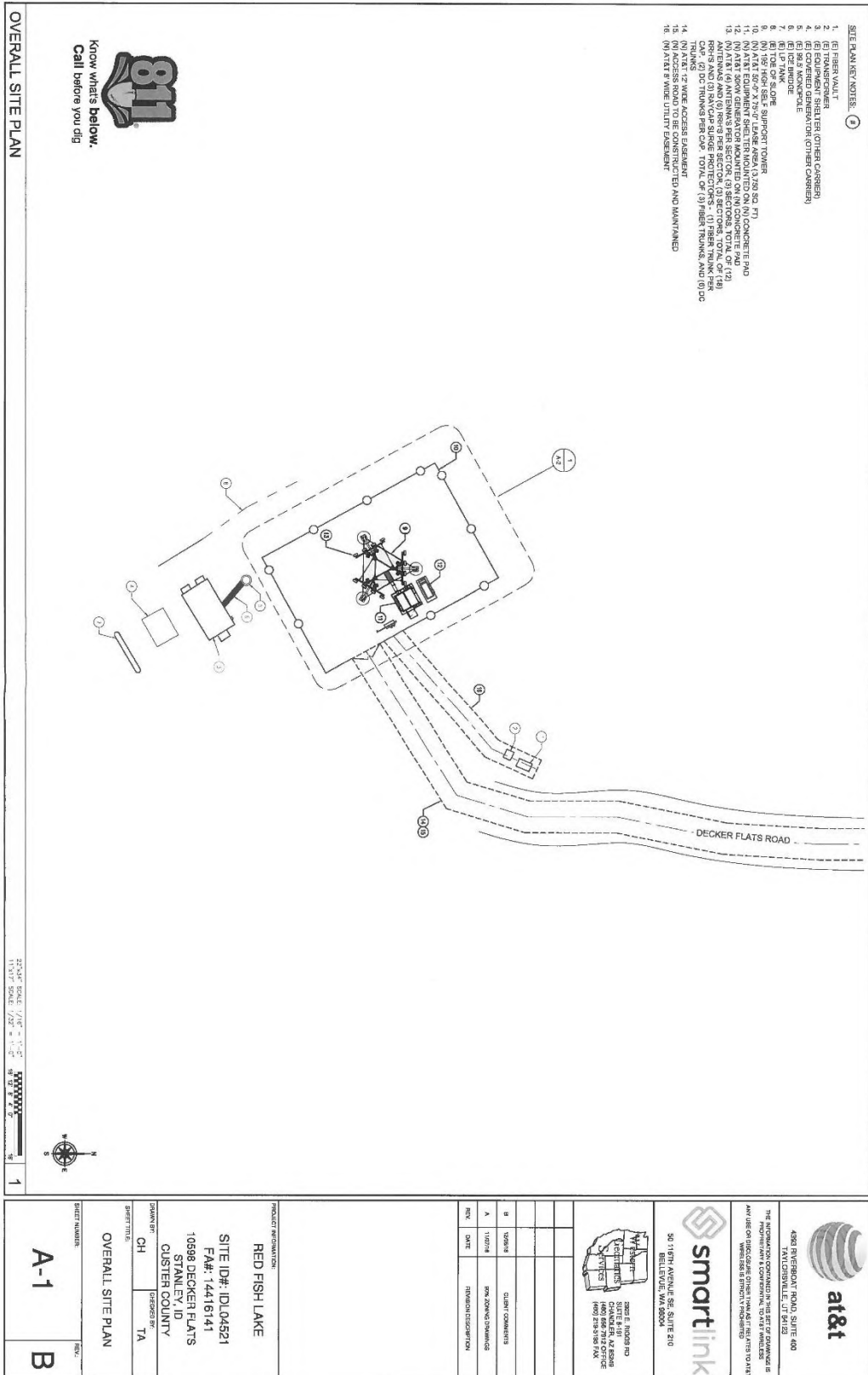
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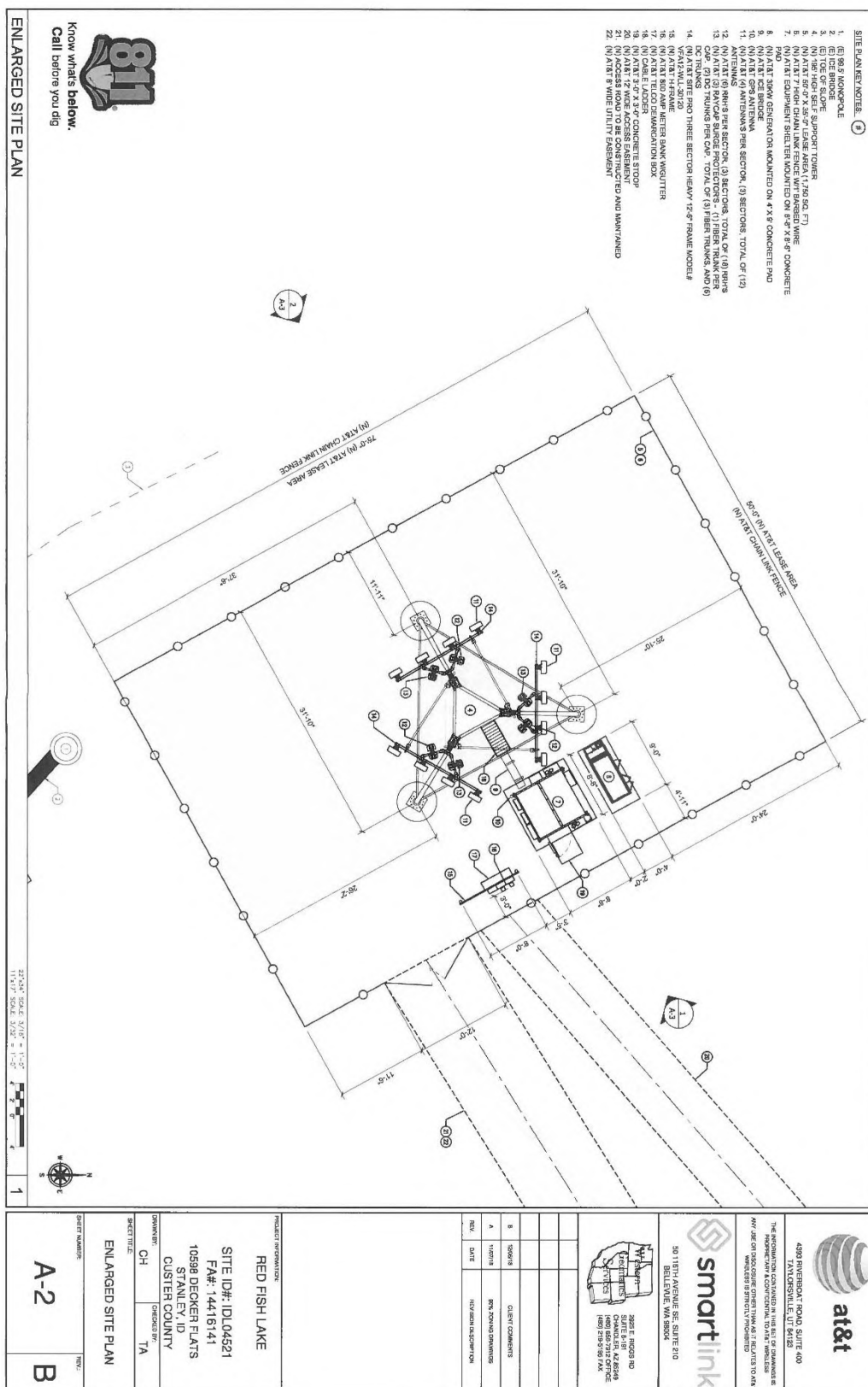
ATTACHMENT D
REPORTS

ANNUAL CO-LOCATOR INVENTORY
and
CERTIFICATION OF FACILITY OWNER OR MANAGER

Lessee shall submit an ANNUAL CO-LOCATOR INVENTORY report to the Lessor by January 31st of each year. The report template is attached to this Lease and should be copied annually for use. The Lessee is required to identify all Co-locators as described in sections 5.G. and 5.H. Information supplied in this report will include Co-locator's legal entity name, the primary use for the Co-locators equipment, and the date that the Co-locator first installed equipment on/in the communication site. Lessee is required to certify and sign the annual report prior to submitting it.

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PROJECT INFORMATION RED FISH LAKE SITE ID#: IDL04521 FA#: 14416141 10598 DECKER PLATS STANLEY ID CUSTER COUNTY		SMARTLINK 4538 INVERBOAT ROAD, SUITE 400 MARIETTA, GA 30067 (770) 575-1234 (770) 575-1235	
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CLIENT COMMENTS B. 10/26/11 A. 11/07/11		CLIENT COMMENTS B. 10/26/11 A. 11/07/11	
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May 5, 2020

The Honorable Governor Brad Little
Chairman
State Board of Land Commissioners

Dear Governor Little:

On January 27, 2020 we sent Dustin Miller, Director of the Idaho Department of Lands, our comments strongly opposing the granting of a lease (lease # M700086) to AT&T to construct a 195' tall cell tower on State Endowment Lands near Redfish Lake. Our position that this tower is incompatible with the purposes of the Sawtooth NRA as mandated by Congress in PL 92-400, especially regarding the towers scenic impact on Idaho's most iconic landscape is unchanged. We continue strenuously to oppose the granting of the proposed lease.

We are following up on this issue to express our concern about what we are hearing in the community about the status of discussions between AT&T and Custer Tel to explore alternatives to the 195-foot tower. It is our understanding that Custer Tel has several alternatives to the current proposal that will meet AT&T's First Net requirements while protecting the visual resources of the SNRA. We hear that Custer Tel has not been able to engage AT&T in any substantive discussions of those alternatives, while AT&T has informed IDL staff that several discussions have taken place but were unproductive. These stories do not mesh.

It is our understanding that neither IDL nor AT&T have made any effort to engage any of the residents or public in the Stanley and Sawtooth Valley community in discussion of the proposed tower and available alternatives. As a governmental agency, the public should have transparency to weigh in on the public land use, especially regarding scenic impact. Therefore, we urge you to ensure that AT&T, Custer Tel, and IDL conduct serious discussions of alternatives, and that you consider the desires of the public who love and use the SNRA. No lease should be granted to AT&T until this is accomplished.

Sincerely,

/s/ *W. Stewart Wilder*
W. Stewart Wilder, President

/s/ *Lin Gray*
Lin Gray, Executive Director

CC: Land Board Commissioners
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May 6, 2020

The Honorable Governor Brad Little, Chairman
State Board of Land Commissioners

Dear Governor Little:

This is a follow up to my March letter sent to Dustin Miller, Director of the Idaho Department of Lands, opposing the granting of a lease (lease # M700086) to AT&T to construct a 195-foot tall cell tower on State Endowment Lands near Redfish Lake. I encourage you to direct the Department take another look at the proposed cell tower above the fish hatchery and the process for cell tower selection.

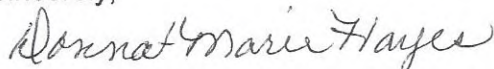
The SNRA was formed with such concern about the visual impact on the landscape that the USFS purchased with tax-payer funds over 1,000 properties up and down the Sawtooth Valley, mostly on the west side of Highway 75. It was a huge investment to preserve the visual corridor and I suggest this tower is incompatible with the unique purposes of the Sawtooth NRA as mandated by Congress in PL 92-400. Surely reasonable people can come together to find a solution to the safety needs for improved cell coverage.

I have learned since March, that there *have been no substantive discussions* between AT&T and Custer Tel to explore alternatives to the 195-foot tower, even though Custer Tel has several alternatives to the current proposal that meet AT&T's First Net requirements while protecting the visual resources of the SNRA. To the contrary, AT&T has informed IDL staff that several discussions *have* taken place but were unproductive. Which is it?

Neither IDL nor AT&T have made any effort to engage residents or the public in the Stanley and Sawtooth Valley community in discussion of the proposed tower and available alternatives. This lack of governmental transparency is troubling especially regarding scenic impact in an area Congressionally designated for scenic protection.

I urge you to ensure that AT&T, Custer Tel, and IDL conduct serious discussions regarding alternatives, and that you consider the desires of the people who live, work and recreate in the SNRA.

Sincerely,



Donna-Marie Hayes, Forty-five-year resident of the Sawtooth Valley

CC: Land Board Commissioners
Dustin Miller
Lawrence Denney
Lawrence Wasden
Sherry Ybarra
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May 6, 2020

Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners
c/o Idaho Department of Lands
300 N. 6th Street, Suite 103
Boise ID 83702

Dear Members of the Board of Land Commissioners,

The Sawtooth Society previously sent a letter dated January 27th, 2020 with comments opposing the granting of the proposed lease # M700086 for a cell tower within the Sawtooth NRA.

The proposed 195-foot tall tower, three times taller than surrounding trees, would clearly violate a central value of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, namely preserving the landscape and viewshed. The proposed tower, if approved, will significantly and unacceptably impact the viewshed, not just from the highway but from anywhere in the vicinity. We continue to oppose the granting of the lease. Please pause the lease approval to ensure these critical points are addressed:

- It is imperative that discussions are held between AT&T and Custer Tel about possible alternatives to the new lease and a new 195-foot tower.
- It has been brought to our attention that while Custer Tel tried to initiate such a conversation with AT&T, no substantive discussion occurred.
- Custer Tel remains willing to discuss alternative solutions to satisfy AT&T's First Net needs, provide better cell coverage to the Redfish Lake area and avoid the need for an additional cell tower.

We urge that no new lease should be granted until conversations take place between AT&T and Custer Tel to explore alternatives to the construction of any new tower. In aid of encouraging the pursuit of such an outcome, we urge that the lease-awarding processes be paused to permit discussions between AT&T and Custer Tel.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding these comments or the Society's position.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Grohusky
Executive Director

cc: Kirk Flannigan, Area Ranger, SNRA
Steve Botti, Mayor of Stanley
Jeremy C. Chou
Josh Johnson

From: John Rogers <John.Rogers.309165411@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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For these reasons, I implore you to withhold approval of this lease and find ways for the State of Idaho and the applicants to work together with the public and other agencies in the community to find a more appropriate solution. Any modified proposal should provide for a reasonable public comment period.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
John Rogers
222 Second St
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Timothy Sullivan <Timothy.Sullivan.109217613@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Timothy Sullivan
3005 Warm Springs Rd
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Julie Weston <Julie.Weston.82008543@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

The Sawtooth Recreation Area is known world wide for its beauty. I have spent time there since I was 7 years old, coming from North Idaho every year. I care deeply about the iconic landscape of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), I'm concerned about the new cell tower proposed in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley on land managed by the Idaho Department of Lands (lease # M700086). Although enhanced communications for first responders is an important function, the proposed cell tower undermines the core values of the SNRA and fails to take into account possible degradation of the area's designation as the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve.

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For these reasons, please withhold approval of this lease. It does not belong in the SNRA as presently planned. Find ways for the State of Idaho and the applicants to work together with the public and other agencies in the community to find a more appropriate solution. Any modified proposal should provide for a reasonable public comment period.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Julie Weston
105 Hopi Dr
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Erica Linson <Erica.Linson.124780431@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

While below are talking points provided re: the proposed cell phone tower, I completely agree with all points, and strongly encourage you to withhold approval of the lease. Thank you!

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Regards,
Erica Linson
151 4th St W
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Jane Anderson <Jane.Anderson.309167095@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Jane Anderson
3642 N 2500 E Rd
Twin Falls, ID 83301

From: Hannah Beane <Hannah.Beane.68170224@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Hannah Beane
291 3rd Ave S
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Susan Moe <Susan.Moe.309172017@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Susan Moe
PO Box 6567
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Elaine French <Elaine.French.97088413@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Elaine French
114 Wall St
Hailey, ID 83333

From: James Steel <James.Steel.309212553@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
James Steel
242 Winterberry Loop
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Pauline King <Pauline.King.111060281@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Pauline King
215 Malm Ln
Challis, ID 83226

From: Karl Krekow <Karl.Krekow.246291547@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I am writing you concerning Idaho Department of Lands lease # M700086, for a new cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley.

20 years ago my wife and I took our kids (and dog) on a road trip through the west to find the place where we wanted to raise our family. Our introduction to Idaho was driving south through Montana into Salmon and on to Stanley and the Sawtooth Valley. We were stunned, not only by the mountains and rivers, but by the wide open spaces of the Sawtooth and Stanley Valleys. The fact that a bipartisan group of caring people had come together to preserve the unique wild and rural character of this special part of the world was moving then and still moves me today. We ended up settling in the Wood River Valley and when the chance came, purchased a Forest Service lease cabin at Valley View, between Alturas and Petit Lakes. People who visit us can't understand why we would need a cabin, since we already live "in the woods"- until they take that drive with us over Galena Pass and catch their first glimpse of that glorious valley.

We spend a lot of time recreating in the area (both summer and winter) and I understand the need for emergency communications. But I would urge you to slow this process down and open it up to explore all of the possibilities that might solve the issue. There will always be somebody in line willing to build a cell tower, but once one is built, I can guarantee it won't go away. Let's take the time to make the right decision, in the spirit of the people who preserved this incredible piece of our land. Let's make sure all parties are heard from, all ideas are explored and above all, let's make sure we leave for our children a legacy we can be proud of.

Regards,
Karl Krekow
460 River St E
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: James Valle <James.Valle.282945532@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
James Valle
180 Cindy Ct
Mccall, ID 83638

From: David Hoversland <David.Hoversland.101496379@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
David Hoversland
100 Syringa Rd
Sun Valley, ID 83353

From: aj osborne <aj.osborne.148158067@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
aj osborne
2485 N Emily Meadows Pl
Eagle, ID 83616

From: Rachel Brinkley <Rachel.Brinkley.140223459@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Rachel Brinkley
1137 E Whitman St
Pocatello, ID 83201

From: Sonja Coleman <Sonja.Coleman.309229492@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Comments
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PO Box 5161
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Shane Weisberg <Shane.Weisberg.309262963@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Shane Weisberg
129 Dollar Dr
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Jessica Brennan <Jessica.Brennan.309263674@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Jessica Brennan
1212 N 7th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Bryan DuFosse <Bryan.DuFosse.54434451@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Bryan DuFosse
5303 W Grover St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Courtney Hamilton <Courtney.Hamilton.82144641@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:33 PM
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Courtney Hamilton
130 Bird Dr
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Gwen Stevens <Gwen.Stevens.309281809@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Gwen Stevens
PO Box 3052
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Robert Huguez <Robert.Huguez.149457523@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:52 PM
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Robert Huguez
2306 N 31st St
Boise, ID 83703

From: Jeffrey Allen <Jeffrey.Allen.99118156@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:32 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Jeffrey Allen
130 Crystal Ct
Challis, ID 83226

From: Alsy Cory <Alsy.Cory.132283542@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 1:08 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Alsy Cory
5750 E Millet Dr
Boise, ID 83716

From: Yvonne Smith <Yvonne.Smith.103236492@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 6:52 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Yvonne Smith
2290 N Stonecrest Way
Eagle, ID 83616

From: Martha Bibb <Martha.Bibb.101266626@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 7:09 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

The SNRA should not be used to construct any cell tower structure. We have never considered that beautiful area to be appropriate for any construction let alone a large intrusive cell tower. We do not want to degrade the beauty of our area with an intrusive structure that may open that area to further commercial uses.

Why has there not been a public notice of this proposal? Many local residents would oppose this massive structure being built in an iconic beautiful area? This goes against all of the values inherent in industrialization of public lands which have previously been designated as scenic. The winter use of this area will also be degraded by a huge cell tower when trees go bare.

We lease do not use our beautiful area for this kind of income source. You will degrade our tourist income source by this development. Find other sources of income like increasing grazing fees or increasing taxes on cattle operations that are allowed access to this area.

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Regards,
Martha Bibb
810 CD Olena Dr
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Patty Fletcher <Patty.Fletcher.309388450@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 9:58 AM
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Patty Fletcher
4277 Oxbow Way
Boise, ID 83713

From: Jessica Archibald <Jessica.Archibald.100879483@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:40 PM
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Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Jessica Archibald
3041 E Red Tail Dr
Eagle, ID 83616

From: Peter Prekeges <Peter.Prekeges.309414162@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:40 PM
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40 Balsam Ln
Stanley, ID 83278

From: Colby Hawkinson <Colby.Hawkinson.309421894@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Colby Hawkinson
1658 Nunnwood Ln
Grants Pass, OR 97527

From: Ted Stout <Ted.Stout.88300191@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 9:24 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Ted Stout
310 1st St
Bellevue, ID 83313

From: Alec Barfield <Alec.Barfield.309554608@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I moved to Ketchum, Idaho from Utah 8 years ago, after college. Having grown up in Park City, I craved a landscape that was more wild, more open, and more appreciated. The Sawtooths had me awestruck that first summer. I've never loved a place more.

I currently run a business in Carey that employs six people. I own and home and plan to raise my family here. I'm active politically and find myself increasingly engaged. The issues are too important. While a cell tower may not seem like a big deal to the developers, it's a big deal to me. Cell service can stay patchy up there. Mobile communications don't take priority over even a tiny patch of timber, any slice of the view corridor, or fragment of habitat.

Get real and try to remember the importance of tourism here. Cell towers are ugly.

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Regards,
Alec Barfield
1515 Warm Springs Rd
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Joey Sides <Joey.Sides.309641052@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 10:55 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Joey Sides
630 Robinhood Dr
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Patsy Nickum <Patsy.Nickum.156809795@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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820 S Main St
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From: Peter Stevenson <Peter.Stevenson.309704593@p2a.co>
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Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Peter Stevenson
32 Balsam Rd
Stanley, ID 83278

From: Mark Mazzocchi <Mark.Mazzocchi.309713106@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:50 AM
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PO Box 1159
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From: Allie Hillman <Allie.Hillman.102286335@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Comments
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Allie Hillman
PO Box 2933
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Sean Barovetto <Sean.Barovetto.309723871@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:41 AM
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Sean Barovetto
PO Box 269
Sun Valley, ID 83353

From: Mollie Szybala <Mollie.Szybala.309732781@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:22 PM
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210 Cold Springs Dr
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Regards,
Taylor rothgeb
PO Box 1140
Sun Valley, ID 83353

From: Tanya Anderson <Tanya.Anderson.109108254@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:58 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Tanya Anderson
212 Bear Dr
Victor, ID 83455

From: Scott carlsen <Scott.carlsen.310072485@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:53 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Scott carlsen
4146 47th Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116

From: Lydia Wills <Lydia.Wills.310136132@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Lydia Wills
PO Box 3394
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Kristen DeAngeli <Kristen.DeAngeli.247224478@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Kristen DeAngeli
371 N Arcadia St
Boise, ID 83706

From: Jack Hurty <Jack.Hurty.310373445@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Jack Hurty
1112 N 16th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Makayla Fisher <Makayla.Fisher.286926674@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Makayla Fisher
1606 S Leadville Ave
Boise, ID 83706

From: Alex Hackett <Alex.Hackett.53457088@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Alex Hackett
307 S Juniper St
Nampa, ID 83686

From: Leah Schulz <Leah.Schulz.61075362@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Leah Schulz
787 W 250 N
Blackfoot, ID 83221

From: Alexandra Fashing <Alexandra.Fashing.310463922@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Alexandra Fashing
3107 Wheeling Ave
El Paso, TX 79930

From: Laura Hurst <Laura.Hurst.310465317@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Laura Hurst
35 Mangum Cir Unit 7
Donnelly, ID 83615

From: Cole Wells <Cole.Wells.310501884@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:04 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Cole Wells
111 Wanderers Way
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Bryan Weatherston <Bryan.Weatherston.310505295@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Bryan Weatherston
1101 Creekside Ave
Nampa, ID 83686

From: Mary Bachman <Mary.Bachman.112944487@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Comments
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Mary Bachman
151 4th St W
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Suzy Williams <Suzy.Williams.310589365@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Suzy Williams
840 SW Touchmark Way
Portland, OR 97225

From: Lucian Davis <Lucian.Davis.310600451@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Lucian Davis
2619 S Holden Ln
Boise, ID 83706

From: Jane Oliver <Jane.Oliver.300944712@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Jane Oliver
151 4th St W
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Clifton Meek <Clifton.Meek.310624257@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Clifton Meek
120 Bailer Dr
Belgrade, MT 59714

From: Mark Huggs <Mark.Huggs.310723644@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:45 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Mark Huggs
1420 Riverside Ave
Boulder, CO 80304

From: Victoria Rossin <Victoria.Rossin.310784629@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

As someone who seeks refuge from the built environment in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), I'm concerned about what the new cell tower proposed in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley on land managed by the Idaho Department of Lands (lease # M700086) may do to this sacred space. I believe that this tower will alter and undermine my relationship with this area.

I spend many days during the summers exploring the high peaks and quiet valleys of the Sawtooth. There is something special to me about knowing that when I am out there I am on my own, no connection to technology or the craziness of the modern world. With this wild spaces becoming more and more scarce in times of modernization and global expansion I think it is more important that ever to preserve what space is left. By placing a cell tower you will be changing the landscape and feeling of this special environment.
Thank you for considering how important this issue is.

Regards,
Victoria Rossin
PO Box 4768
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Eric Hart at ehart@lisco.com
Phone: 208-733-7922
City: Twin Falls
State: Idaho

Comment:

Concerning the lease application by AT&T to build a 195-foot-tall communication tower in the Sawtooth Valley on a site near Redfish Lake, I oppose this construction. I agree with the Custer County commissioners, the Sawtooth Society, the Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association, the Custer Telephone Cooperative, and Sawtooth Search and Rescue. Please do not grant the lease to build the tower. Don't build the tower. Thank you.

From: Elizabeth Silva <Elizabeth.Silva.311419155@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Elizabeth Silva
722 W Franklin Rd
Boise, ID 83702

From: Allison Dwyer <Allison.Dwyer.206137335@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Allison Dwyer
1718 N 10th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Nicole Snyder <Nicole.Snyder.311440368@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Nicole Snyder
889 S Capitola Way
Boise, ID 83712

From: Jessica Bullock <Jessica.Bullock.141963970@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Jessica Bullock
2464 S Owyhee St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Madonna Lengerich <Madonna.Lengerich.116786975@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Madonna Lengerich
4975 Bitterbrush Dr
Boise, ID 83703

From: Scott Friedman <Scott.Friedman.101121266@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Scott Friedman
100 Sun Valley Rd
Sun Valley, ID 83353

From: Jeff Chapman <Jeff.Chapman.311592973@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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10550 W 102nd Pl
Westminster, CO 80021

From: Steve Smith <Steve.Smith.148584389@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:21 AM
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Steve Smith
10286 Red Rock Rd
Downey, ID 83234

From: Mike Powers <Mike.Powers.311661282@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:01 AM
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Mike Powers
2820 Dorothy St
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

From: Paul Cooperrider <Paul.Cooperrider.311937169@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Comments
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Paul Cooperrider
8690 W Atwater Dr
Garden City, ID 83714

From: Kay Goyden <Kay.Goyden.82133607@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Comments
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Kay Goyden
3110 W Edson Ter
Boise, ID 83705

From: Susan Chaloupka <Susan.Chaloupka.230553732@p2a.co>
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Susan Chaloupka
1117 N 19th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Barbara Blackwood <Barbara.Blackwood.281679089@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Comments
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Barbara Blackwood
11916 E 25th Ave
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

From: Jane Anderson <Jane.Anderson.309167095@p2a.co>
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Jane Anderson
3642 N 2500 E Rd
Twin Falls, ID 83301

From: Michael Hayes <Michael.Hayes.148197550@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Michael Hayes
151 4th St W
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Linda Pertel <Linda.Pertel.312221883@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Linda Pertel
PO Box 6064
Sun Valley, ID 83354

From: Derek Gendvil <Derek.Gendvil.216715981@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:08 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Derek Gendvil
9030 W Sahara Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89117

From: Andrea Olsen <Andrea.Olsen.74662933@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:17 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Andrea Olsen
221 Virginia St
New Meadows, ID 83654

From: Terry Bostick <Terry.Bostick.68517535@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:26 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Terry Bostick
2933 E Springview Dr
Coeur D'alene, ID 83814

From: Ann DeBolt <Ann.DeBolt.83113356@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Ann DeBolt
2032 S Crystal Way
Boise, ID 83706

From: James Loy <James.Loy.54146073@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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James Loy
6174 E Borley Rd
Coeur D'alene, ID 83814

From: Jane Fritz <Jane.Fritz.303511197@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:20 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I have lived in Idaho 41 years and first visited the Sawtooths 50 years ago as an 18-year-old. It is one of those protected places that is what America once was. As someone who cares deeply about the iconic landscape of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), I'm concerned about the new cell tower proposed in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley on land managed by the Idaho Department of Lands (lease # M700086). Although enhanced communications for first responders is an important function, the proposed cell tower undermines the core values of the SNRA and fails to take into account possible degradation of the area's designation as the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve.

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Regards,
Jane Fritz
204 N 4th Ave
Sandpoint, ID 83864

From: Susan Bistline <Susan.Bistline.56726383@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Susan Bistline
957 W Garfield Bay Rd
Sagle, ID 83860

From: Helen Hawley <Helen.Hawley.96112056@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Helen Hawley
314 15th Ave
Lewiston, ID 83501

From: Ron Cuoio <Ron.Cuoio.131594061@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Ron Cuoio
42 Creighton St
Pocatello, ID 83201

From: Nichole Lasich <Nichole.Lasich.52679443@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Nichole Lasich
6291 N Rumford Ave
Boise, ID 83714

From: Kevin McGuigan <Kevin.McGuigan.156225991@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Comments
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Kevin McGuigan
301 E Ave B
Jerome, ID 83338

From: Eric Oliver <Eric.Oliver.53265946@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Eric Oliver
608 N Stanley St
Boise, ID 83706

From: Kenya Fletcher <Kenya.Fletcher.312292713@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Kenya Fletcher
9540 W Pebblestream Dr
Boise, ID 83709

From: Audrey Hopkins <Audrey.Hopkins.312293884@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Audrey Hopkins
202 Stibnite St E
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Andrew Frishman <Andrew.Frishman.231849274@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

As someone who worked for 12 years guiding professionally on the Middle Fork of the Salmon, I'm concerned about the new cell tower proposed in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley on land managed by the Idaho Department of Lands (lease # M700086). This kind of structure is not what our clients hoped to see when they made the long journey to meet us in Stanley. Such a structure is inappropriate in the context of the Sawtooth Scenic Byway and an International Dark Sky Reserve (the area's night skies were often mentioned by our clients as a highlight of their experience).

I hope you will withhold approval of this lease and seek a better solution. Any modified proposal should provide for a reasonable public comment period.

Thank you for considering my views.

Regards,
Andrew Frishman
201 W Front St
Albion, WA 99102

From: Nicole Snyder-Reinke <Nicole.SnyderReinke.311440368@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Nicole Snyder-Reinke
889 S Capitola Way
Boise, ID 83712

From: Ann Marymor <Ann.Marymor.312303549@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Novato, CA 94949

From: Amy Parrish <Amy.Parrish.312305187@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I find it appalling that you are even considering allowing a huge cell phone tower in the most beautiful natural area in Idaho. This move is disrespectful to all Idahoans. I am extremely disappointed in you. You have failed me and all other Idahoans. No one wants to look at cell phone tower in the Sawtooths or see the lights blinking.

Regards,
Amy Parrish
721 Bacon Dr
Boise, ID 83712

From: Amy Fletcher <Amy.Fletcher.148283815@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Amy Fletcher
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Boise, ID 83706

From: tom Kovalicky <tom.Kovalicky.68802240@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
tom Kovalicky
300 W Main St
Grangeville, ID 83530

From: Savannah Ottmar <Savannah.Ottmar.312308292@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

There is no compelling reason to create a cell phone tower in the SNRA of the size proposed. The massive nature of the new tower will seriously encroach on the core values of the SNRA and could possibly cause issue with the Dark Sky Reserve designation. Please find another solution that can help first responders and other communicate better while also preserving the space or naturally blending in with the surroundings.

Regards,
Savannah Ottmar
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Lewiston, ID 83501

From: Sandy stone <Sandy.stone.150296539@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

This incredibly beautiful valley is one of a kind in Idaho and in the US. We attract millions of dollars and thousands of tourists BECAUSE it is so iconically gorgeous. Why should we, the public who owns this land collectively, allow a corporation to mar it, for the sake of profit and “better” cell phone service for those who have the money to own expensive homes and resorts?

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Regards,
Sandy stone
946 Stone Ln
Blackfoot, ID 83221

From: Eleanor Jeffrey <Eleanor.Jeffrey.70007745@p2a.co>
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Eleanor Jeffrey
205 Cold Springs Dr
Hailey, ID 83333

From: Dave Crandall <Dave.Crandall.312310730@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:58 PM
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Dave Crandall
8490 S 4500 W
Victor, ID 83455

From: Kristin Sinclair <Kristin.Sinclair.312310910@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Comments
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Kristin Sinclair
2083 Lakeview Ave
Mccall, ID 83638

From: Jennifer Vining <Jennifer.Vining.312313737@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Jennifer Vining
PO Box 3417
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Kristin Bjorkman <Kristin.Bjorkman.312315249@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Kristin Bjorkman
1005 W Highland View Dr
Boise, ID 83702

From: Vanessa Gosney <Vanessa.Gosney.312316086@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Comments
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Vanessa Gosney
207 S Straughan Ave
Boise, ID 83712

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Reed Smith
1404 N 6th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Jason Keel <Jason.Keel.106413014@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Jason Keel
2102 W Moccasin Ct
Boise, ID 83703

From: Rebecca Stillings <Rebecca.Stillings.312469519@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Rebecca Stillings
5782 S Quamash Pl
Boise, ID 83716

From: Elaine French <Elaine.French.97088413@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Comments
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Elaine French
114 Wall St
Hailey, ID 83333

From: ilana shumsky <ilana.shumsky.76962712@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 6:04 PM
To: Comments
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Boise, ID 83702

From: Yasemin Powell <Yasemin.Powell.312512709@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Yasemin Powell
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Boise, ID 83712

From: Ann Wood <Ann.Wood.312524102@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Ann Wood
11875 Canyon Creek Rd
Mountain Home, ID 83647

From: Julie Worthington <Julie.Worthington.111832590@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Julie Worthington
7916 W Pocono St
Boise, ID 83714

From: Mike Miller <Mike.Miller.312531744@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:46 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Mike Miller
S Topaz Ridge Ave
, ID 83716

From: Amy McDevitt <Amy.McDevitt.312532275@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Amy McDevitt
253 W Arrowrock Ln
Boise, ID 83706

From: Beverly Mitchell <Beverly.Mitchell.37652007@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:59 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Beverly Mitchell
1812 S Watersilk Pl
Boise, ID 83709

From: Courtney Collingwood <Courtney.Collingwood.312535632@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:07 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Courtney Collingwood
1919 E Blue Tick St
Meridian, ID 83642

From: Kathleen Kiefer <Kathleen.Kiefer.312537108@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 12:03 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Kathleen Kiefer
3311 W Tucker Rd
Boise, ID 83703

From: Mary York <Mary.York.312549213@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:46 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Mary York
945 Hearthstone Dr
Boise, ID 83702

From: Evelyn Atchley <Evelyn.Atchley.312558015@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:53 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Evelyn Atchley
3502 Meadow Dr
Boise, ID 83706

From: Michelle Yochum <Michelle.Yochum.312567060@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Michelle Yochum
5735 S Horseshoe Pl
Boise, ID 83716

From: Steven Maughan <Steven.Maughan.312594493@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

I can think of nothing that would spoil the rounding of a trail bend or highway curve in the Sawtooths worse than a cell phone tower looming in midst of the splendid views of wilderness. Thus, as someone who cares deeply about the iconic landscape of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), I'm concerned about the new cell tower proposed in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley on land managed by the Idaho Department of Lands (lease # M700086). Although enhanced communications for first responders is an important function, the proposed cell tower undermines the core values of the SNRA and fails to take into account possible degradation of the area's designation as the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve.

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All of these considerations mean that it would be a travesty of the purposes of the SNRA to erect a cell tower in its midst. Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Steven Maughan
16214 Dietz Way
Caldwell, ID 83607

From: kathleen krekow <kathleen.krekow.246285814@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

We are fortunate to own a cabin in the Sawtooth Valley which is on a FS land lease. We also reside part time in Ketchum and spend a lot of time traveling back and forth between the two areas. As a Wilderness First Responder, and someone who recreates frequently in the backcountry, I appreciate the need and importance for communication/action in times of emergency. I believe, however the perception of need requiring a cell tower for said communication is false. There are many reasons to reconsider this project and perhaps hold off - the scenic corridor, the Dark Sky Ordinance (unique and only one of twelve in the world), and rapidly changing technology are just a few. If this tower is constructed it will forever change the landscape, while potentially setting a precedent opening the door for similar projects. This area is a gem for our state, and we have the opportunity to protect it now for future generations. All the professionals I know who operate in the backcountry use satellite phones, and with the rise in affordability and use of personal Spot-like gps systems, many of us can communicate in the event of an emergency quite easily with no cell service. Many cars also come equipped with gps communication systems which are easily activated in an emergency. How long will it be before cell towers are totally antiquated, and do we want to have polluted our landscape with one? In addition, I wonder how pristine and unobtrusive this tower will be (seeing that it is, to my understanding three times the height of the surrounding area)? All the towers in the Wood River Valley that I hike/bike under and by have many, many units hanging off them, I assume to maximize the monetary gain. I urge you to consider ANY other options that may exist for communication while we wait for technology to catch up.

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Regards,
kathleen krekow
151 4th St W
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Jennifer Piccotti <Jennifer.Piccotti.312666600@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Jennifer Piccotti
806 S Gray Eagle Way
Boise, ID 83712

From: Harold Pertel <Harold.Pertel.312721086@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Harold Pertel
PO Box 6064
Sun Valley, ID 83354

From: Abbey Gatlin <Abbey.Gatlin.312725000@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:58 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Abbey Gatlin
4685 N Zachary Way
Meridian, ID 83646

From: Debbie Florence <Debbie.Florence.312735405@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Debbie Florence
210 E 40th St
Boise, ID 83714

From: Robert Huguez <Robert.Huguez.149457523@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:34 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Robert Huguez
2306 N 31st St
Boise, ID 83703

From: Anastasia Harrold <Anastasia.Harrold.147318321@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Anastasia Harrold
1717 S Hervey St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Joi Marker <Joi.Marker.98755385@p2a.co>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 11:23 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Joi Marker
4711 W Hillcrest Dr
Boise, ID 83705

From: Patty Terry <Patty.Terry.316288769@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Patty Terry
2407 E Clackamas Ct
Eagle, ID 83616

From: Whitney Douglas <Whitney.Douglas.316312356@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Whitney Douglas
914 N 8th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: Stewart Wilder <Stewart.Wilder.316713702@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:10 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

Transparency on this issue for the Idaho public is non-existent and I call out the Land Board to address immediately. The public will be aware and the Land Board will have to answer.

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Regards,
Stewart Wilder
5684 E Gateway Dr
Boise, ID 83716

From: Jill Hart <Jill.Hart.316715700@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:27 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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KEEP THE WILDERNESS WILD!!!

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Jill Hart
2805 N 32nd St
Boise, ID 83703

From: Michelle Medsker <Michelle.Medsker.316762258@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Michelle Medsker
PO Box 244
Bellevue, ID 83313

From: Cynthia Edgers <Cynthia.Edgers.107455035@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Cynthia Edgers
202 Easy St
Hailey, ID 83333

Kellie LaBonte

From: Suzanne Ennis <Suzanne.Ennis.317212725@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:38 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Suzanne Ennis
5178 S Latigo Dr
Boise, ID 83709



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JUN 02 2020

Boise, Idaho

May 31, 2020

Sent via email
Dustin Miller
Director
Idaho Department of Lands
rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov

Re: Request for Land Board audience re AT&T Proposed Lease No. M700086

Dear Director Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Sawtooth Interpretative and Historical Association (SIHA) to request an opportunity to present testimony to the Idaho Board of Land Commissioners before it may approve AT&T's Proposed Lease No. M700086.

AT&T's Proposed Lease No. M700086 seeks a commercial lease to erect a 195-foot cell tower on state lands located at 10N 13E Section 36, Boise Meridian, which is a parcel near the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery on the Salmon River.

The location is within the boundaries of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), established by Congress to preserve scenic, recreational, and other values of the area. The SIHA, and its members and supporters, are devoted to protecting these values. We are very concerned about the proposed AT&T lease and the adverse impacts it poses to the SNRA and the scenic and other values it is intended to protect into the future.

CusterTel already has a commercial lease for its cell tower at the same location, and worked with local residents and organizations to minimize the impacts of its tower upon SNRA values several years ago. We understand that CusterTel has expressed concerns to the Idaho Department of Lands about how the AT&T proposed tower would adversely impact its operations. Likewise, we understand that local search-and-rescue providers have expressed concerns that AT&T's proposed cell tower is not optimal for facilitating communications with emergency rescue providers in the area, which is the purpose of the AT&T proposal.

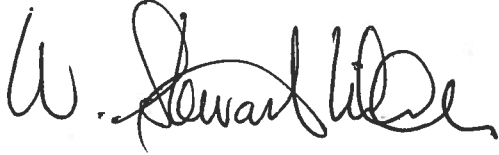
We believe there are ways that AT&T's proposal could be modified to avoid conflicts with CusterTel's cell tower, maximize coverage for search-and-rescue communications, and preserve scenic and other values of the SNRA—without diminishing financial returns to the endowment beneficiaries of the state land parcel. We wish to present information to the Land Board about such a resolution, which AT&T seems to be resisting.

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Please let me know when the Land Board will allow SIHA the opportunity to appear before it and address this issue, before a final decision may be reached on the AT&T proposed lease. I or other SIHA representatives are available to appear at either of the regularly scheduled Land Board meetings in June or July, or other times if necessary; and of course, we can appear remotely if the Land Board continues to conduct its meetings that way because of the corona virus pandemic.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Stewart Wilder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized 'W'.

W. Stewart Wilder
President

From: Britiney Slaughter <Britiney.Slaughter.317533431@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 11:01 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Britiney Slaughter
6111 S Settlement Way
Boise, ID 83716



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RE: Request for Land Board Audience re Proposed Lease No. M700086

Dear Members of the Idaho Board of Land Commissioners:

We are writing on behalf of the Idaho Conservation League (ICL) to formally request an opportunity to present testimony to the Land Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting (June 16, 2020) regarding proposed lease No. M700086 for a cell tower within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA).

ICL is concerned that the proposal in its current form undermines the core values of the SNRA, does not provide adequate notice and public comment, and fails to take into account coverage limitations and possibly degrades the area's designation as the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve. We have previously sent several letters to IDL and other members of the Land Board expressing our concerns with this project.

Despite commitments to consider alternatives and vet options with interested stakeholders, it does not appear that the Land Board nor the Idaho Department of Lands sufficiently involved key stakeholders and interested parties in the community on this contentious issue. While we recognize that not every Land Board leasing decision requires extensive public input, the State has the discretion to allow for more meaningful public input in matters where there is clear public interest in the matter and the potential for long-term harm to public resources. We are also aware that local elected officials from Custer County and the City of Stanley have expressed concerns with the proposal, as well as representatives from CusterTel, who indicate that AT&T's plans will impact their ability to maintain their existing tower.

We believe there are ways for the proposal to be modified that would satisfy all parties involved. We urge the Land Board to allow ICL and other interested parties to provide

testimony to the Land Board at their June 16th meeting - *prior* to the Land Board making any final decisions about the lease in question.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions about this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Oppenheimer
Government Relations Director
joppenheimer@idahoconservation.org



Josh Johnson
Central Idaho Conservation Associate
jjohnson@idahoconservation.org

From: Nikola Eschen <Nikola.Eschen.320102453@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2020 10:47 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
Nikola Eschen
8465 Westchester Ave
Boise, ID 83704



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Boise, Idaho

Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners via email

June 9, 2020

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Dear Members of the Idaho Board of Land Commissioners,

On behalf of the residents of the City of Stanley, I would like to formally request an opportunity to present testimony at the June 16, 2020 meeting of the Land Board regarding proposed lease No. M700086 for a cell tower on an Idaho Department of Lands parcel near Redfish Lake.

We believe that a lease on this parcel for a 195 foot-high cell tower deep within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, on a prominent ridge-top location, will substantially impair recreation and tourism values and the quality of life for visitors and residents in the Sawtooth Valley. For this reason, we urge you to provide a forum for public input before proceeding with this lease. We also request that the State find a different alternative for providing FirstNet service in the Sawtooth Valley, possibly involving collocating this service on the existing Custer Telephone tower or utilizing a series of shorter towers.

In the past you have pledged greater transparency in the process for leasing state lands, and this situation is certainly one that demands adequate input from the people of Idaho, especially those directly affected by this construction project. The people of Stanley and neighboring areas should be afforded such standing. The economy of Stanley is heavily dependent on recreation and tourism, so any impairment of that experience is an important consideration to Stanley businesses and residents alike.

To date we have not seen any attempt by the Idaho Department of Lands to reach out to the public and consider their opinions, or to share the analyses of alternative cell tower locations, if any have been performed. We request that you permit public testimony at the next Land Board meeting and hold a public hearing in the Sawtooth Valley prior to proceeding with this lease.

With kind regards,

Steve Botti
Mayor, City of Stanley
208-608-8739
sbotti.stanley@gmail.com

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cityclerk@stanley.id.gov

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Comments
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Michael Collette at micheal8554@msn.com
Phone: 2085712517
Address: 3130 W Catolina Ln Owyhee
City: Boise
State: Idaho

Comment:

As a frequent user of the treasured lands within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and other adjacent public lands nearby, I believe the proposal to construct a 195' communications tower should go through a thorough public discussion process. The multiple effects of the placement of such a structure simply cannot be mitigated. It would be a gross slap in the face of the great folks who legislated and oversaw the creation of the SNRA, to allow this tower to be approved as proposed.

From: Sandie OToole <Sandie.OToole.98772953@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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Regards,
Sandie OToole
5262 W Kootenai St
Boise, ID 83705

From: Derek Gendvil <Derek.Gendvil.216715981@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 12:45 PM
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Regards,
Derek Gendvil
9030 W Sahara Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89117

From: Kim Skyelander <Kim.Skyelander.140463534@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Kim Skyelander
1967 Lakewood Dr
Loveland, CO 80538

From: Barbara Blackwood <Barbara.Blackwood.281679089@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Comments
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Regards,
Barbara Blackwood
11916 E 25th Ave
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

From: Bruce Oliver <Bruce.Oliver.108009651@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Bruce Oliver
12083 Kinsley Pl
Reston, VA 20190

From: Sharla Arledge on behalf of Comments
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Comments
Subject: FW: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

From: Raymond Libby <Raymond.Libby.91677514@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Raymond Libby
505 Sitting Bull Rd
Sandpoint, ID 83864

From: Linda westrick <Linda.westrick.100304183@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

If this isn't needed by the local community don't consider it. Some people go to this area to unplug.

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Regards,
Linda westrick
4799 E Flores Ct
Boise, ID 83716

From: Fayette Krause <Fayette.Krause.281867954@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Fayette Krause
2315 Madrona St
Port Townsend, WA 98368

From: Margit Donhowe <Margit.Donhowe.330558448@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:21 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Regards,
Margit Donhowe
420 Sage Rd
Ketchum, ID 83340

From: Jose DeSousa <Jose.DeSousa.98754070@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:45 PM
To: Comments
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Jose DeSousa
1301 N 11th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: tom kovalicky <tom.kovalicky.68802240@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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tom kovalicky
300 W Main St
Grangeville, ID 83530

From: Susan Deemer <Susan.Deemer.56688331@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Comments
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Susan Deemer
3213 N 39th St
Boise, ID 83703

From: James Focarile <James.Focarile.255913573@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Comments
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3734 E Timbersaw Dr
Boise, ID 83716

From: Barclay Hauber <Barclay.Hauber.46554123@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Comments
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Barclay Hauber
160 Old Pollock Rd
Pollock, ID 83547

From: Susan Bistline <Susan.Bistline.56726383@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:23 AM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

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Susan Bistline
957 W Garfield Bay Rd
Sagle, ID 83860

From: Marylyn Pauley <Marylyn.Pauley.102373185@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Comments
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Marylyn Pauley, Ketchum

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From: [Laird Lucas](#)
To: [Renee Jacobsen](#)
Subject: Land Board meeting on proposed FirstNet cellular tower lease
Date: Friday, July 17, 2020 1:40:06 PM
Attachments: [SNRA Cell Tower FCC FirstNet Petition Final.pdf](#)

Hi Ms. Jacobsen -- I would like the opportunity to participate in next Tuesday's Idaho Land Board meeting and to present comments on Item 9, FirstNet Communication Lease Number M700086.

In support of my comments, please see attached Petition for NEPA Review (without attachments) that I recently submitted to the federal FirstNet agency regarding the proposed cellular tower at issue, requesting that the federal government conduct a full environmental and public analysis of the proposed and alternatives. I ask that this Petition be included in the materials for the Land Board's consideration.

The issue of alternatives and public input will be the focus of my comments to the Land Board.

I would like to participate REMOTELY, so please advise on how I can join the meeting and present comments at the appropriate time before the Land Board.

Many thanks -- Laird Lucas

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Petition for Environmental Review of AT&T proposed FirstNet cell tower (ASR # forthcoming; IDL lease #M700086), Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Custer County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Bielawoski:

On behalf of the Sawtooth Historical & Interpretive Association and the Idaho Conservation League, I am submitting this Petition for Environmental Review of the proposed AT&T/FirstNet cell tower (ASR# forthcoming), located at 10N 13E Section 36, Boise Meridian, in Custer County, Idaho.

The proposed location is a small Idaho state endowment land parcel near the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery on the Salmon River, within the larger boundaries of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) and the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve.

This Petition for Environmental Review is submitted pursuant to the FirstNet NEPA Implementing Procedures (Attachment A hereto), which provide that any interested persons may petition for environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, of any proposed FirstNet system cell tower that may pose significant environmental impacts (or for which alternative proposals should be examined) which may be otherwise categorically excluded from NEPA review. Attachment A, at 30-33.

As detailed below, the proposed cell tower requires full NEPA analysis instead of approval using a categorical exclusion. Due to the unique circumstances and characteristics of the proposed cell tower site and its surroundings—including the site's location in the SNRA and the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve—and because better alternatives may exist to minimize visual and other impacts of the proposed tower while improving still cell coverage for search-and-rescue and other emergency providers, residents and visitors to the area, Petitioners request that full and public environmental analysis be undertaken.

Interests of Petitioners

The Sawtooth Historical & Interpretive Association (SIHA) is a member-based Idaho non-profit organization, recognized by the IRS as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity. SIHA is devoted to preserving and protecting the SNRA through education and interpretation. SIHA was formed in 1972, the same year Congress established the SNRA, and it operates the Redfish Visitor Center at Redfish Lake and the Stanley Museum just north of the city of Stanley, collectively serving over 25,000 visitors and locals each year.

Idaho Conservation League (ICL) is a member-based Idaho non-profit organization, recognized by the IRS as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity. Founded in 1973, ICL is Idaho's leading voice for clean water, clean air, and public lands—values that are the foundation for Idaho's extraordinary quality of life. ICL works to protect these values through public education, outreach, advocacy, and policy development. As Idaho's largest state-based conservation organization, ICL represents over 30,000 supporters, many of whom have a deep personal interest in preserving our state's special places and care deeply about the SNRA and the values it was designated by Congress to protect.

Background

AT&T, awarded the FirstNet contract by the U.S. Department of Commerce, has proposed a 195-foot cell tower on a small parcel of Idaho state endowment lands located within the larger boundaries of the SNRA and the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve near Redfish Lake, south of Stanley in Custer County, Idaho. The proposed tower is to be part of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network ("NPSBN"), managed by FirstNet, an independent federal authority within the U.S. Department of Commerce.

AT&T is currently pursuing a state lease from the Idaho Department of Lands ("IDL"), IDL lease application #M700086. The Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners ("Land Board") is conducting a hearing over the AT&T lease application on July 21, 2020. Thus, as of this date, AT&T has not obtained a final state lease for the proposed cell tower, and Petitioners understand that the project is yet to be approved in its final form by FirstNet.

Petitioners are also informed and believe that AT&T intends to submit an application to the FCC for approval of the proposed cell tower and an Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) number after AT&T has obtained a state lease, and accordingly, Petitioners are submitting this Petition for Environmental Review now to seek full NEPA review in compliance with NEPA's mandate that environmental review be conducted at the earliest opportunity.

The proposed tower would be located on the same parcel as a cell tower operated by Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("CusterTel"), an Idaho non-profit corporation. CusterTel has submitted comments opposing the proposed tower as currently proposed by AT&T, and requested that AT&T co-locate on its existing tower. *See* Attachment B (CusterTel and other comments to IDL on AT&T proposed state lease).

Petitioners understand that CusterTel has conducted and shared with IDL radiofrequency spectrum and propagation analysis, and has determined that, due to the topography of the area, a taller tower on the state property does not provide materially better coverage in the State Highway 75 transit corridor than would co-location. *See* Attachment B, at 1-3. Although IDL has encouraged AT&T to consider co-location, “the parties could not agree to terms and the applicant pursued the application.” *See* Attachment G, at 16.

In April 2017, FirstNet published a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the NPSBN in the Western United States, including a chapter considering broad effects on Idaho’s natural resources at a programmatic level. *See* FirstNet, “Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Western United States,” Vol. 3 Ch. 5, available at: https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/09/f36/EIS-0528_FEIS_Ch%205%20Idaho.pdf.

Because of the programmatic scale of the PEIS, it did not include any site-specific locations, environmental effects, or deployment technology, and thus no environmental analysis of tower siting in the SNRA has been undertaken. *Id.* The PEIS did not address potential site-specific impacts of the proposed AT&T tower here, nor reasonable alternatives. The PEIS is thus plainly inadequate to provide adequate NEPA analysis of the AT&T proposal at issue here, and more site-specific analysis of potential impacts and alternatives is required under NEPA.

The proposed tower has been subject to considerable public controversy. *See generally* Attachment G. In addition to the SIHA and ICL, the project has been opposed in letters submitted to IDL by the Sawtooth Society, members of the Sawtooth Vision 2020 steering committee, Sawtooth Search and Rescue, the Mayor of Stanley, Custer County Commissioners, CusterTel, and nearly two dozen private citizens. *See* Attachment B; Attachment G, at 18-20.

Because AT&T’s proposed state lease (#M700086) is located on state endowment lands managed by the IDL and the Land Board under the Idaho Constitution, Article IX, Section 8, and Idaho has no state law equivalent of NEPA, there is no process at the state level to ensure that proposed actions like this are fully and publicly assessed, including consideration of feasible alternatives or project impacts on surrounding land uses.

Petitioners are hopeful the Land Board at its upcoming July meeting will hear the concerns of search-and-rescue providers, local communities and residents, and the public in general, and direct IDL to work with AT&T to modify its proposal and adopt an alternative that better serves all interests. But if the Land Board were to approve the AT&T state endowment lease as currently proposed, full NEPA review before any federal approval will be required in order to adequately evaluate all potential site-specific impacts and alternatives, notwithstanding the state approval, as discussed further below.

NEPA Requirements

NEPA and implementing regulations require federal authorities to ensure fully informed decision-making and provide for public participation in environmental analysis and decision-making. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C); 40 C.F.R. §§ 1500.1(b)–(c), 1502.14, 1502.16, 1508.7,

1508.8, 1508.25; *W. Watersheds Project v. Kraayenbrink*, 632 F.3d 472, 481 (9th Cir. 2011). NEPA does not impose substantive environmental mandates, but it does require federal agencies to establish procedures to account for the environmental effects of certain proposed actions. *See Dep't of Transp. v. Pub. Citizen*, 541 U.S. 752, 756–57 (2004). NEPA thus requires agencies to take a “hard look” at the environmental consequences of their actions, and obligates federal entities to analyze and publicly disclose all “direct,” “indirect,” and “cumulative” impacts of a proposed action, and to consider reasonable alternatives to lessen or avoid those impacts. *Id.*

NEPA serves two principal purposes: (1) it ensures that the agency, in reaching its decision, will have available, and will carefully consider, detailed information concerning significant environmental impacts (*see* 40 C.F.R. § 1508.27), and (2) it guarantees that the relevant information will be made available to the public so it may play a role in the decision-making process. NEPA obligates the agency to make available to the public high-quality information including accurate scientific analyses, expert agency comments, and public comments before decisions are made and actions are taken. 40 C.F.R. § 1500.1(b). Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations, binding for all Federal agencies (40 C.F.R. §§ 1500–1518.4), provide that information used to inform NEPA analysis “must be of a high quality” and that “[a]ccurate scientific analysis . . . [is] essential to implementing NEPA.” *Id.*

FirstNet, a federal entity with its own NEPA implementing procedures (Attachment A), is a licensee of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and, as FirstNet proposes and executes new builds, is subject to both the FCC’s regulations and its own protocols governing tower siting. Both FirstNet and the FCC have adopted NEPA regulations which categorically exclude new tower builds, except under defined circumstances. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1306(a); Attachment A, at 25.¹ These circumstances include tower siting in designated wilderness areas, officially designated wildlife preserves, on or near National Register of Historic Places sites, Indian religious sites, Endangered Species Act (ESA) critical habitats, and floodplains; or when the build would affect listed species or might expose nearby communities to dangerous levels of radiofrequency radiation. *See* Attachment A; 47 C.F.R. § 1.1307(a)(1)-(8).

When an agency decides to proceed under a categorical exclusion (CE), it is required to adequately explain its decision, and ensure “extraordinary circumstances” do not exist in which a normally excluded action may have significant environmental effects. *Alaska Ctr. for Env't v. U.S. Forest Serv.*, 189 F.3d 851, 853–54 (9th Cir. 1999); 40 C.F.R. § 1508.4. The agency must use the scoping process to canvas internal and external interested parties to find out whether the proposed action raises significant issues. *High Sierra Hikers Ass'n v. Blackwell*, 390 F.3d 630 (9th Cir. 2004).

According to FirstNet, a CE does not entirely eliminate environmental review of a proposed action, but reduces paperwork and delay and allows an agency to efficiently focus its resources on proposed actions with the potential for significant environmental effects. *See* 82 F.R. 28621

¹ These procedures are operative and have been cleared by CEQ (despite the page watermark), *see* FirstNet Notice of Revised National Environmental Policy Act Procedures and Categorical Exclusions, available at: <https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/resources/federal-register-notices/notice-revised-national-environmental-policy-act>.

(Jun. 23, 2017). When a proposed tower or project “may” have a significant environmental effect, the NEPA environmental analysis threshold is triggered. *Am. Bird Conservancy, Inc. v. F.C.C.*, 516 F.3d 1027, 1033 (D.C. Cir. 2008); Attachment A, at 34.

Relevant Facts

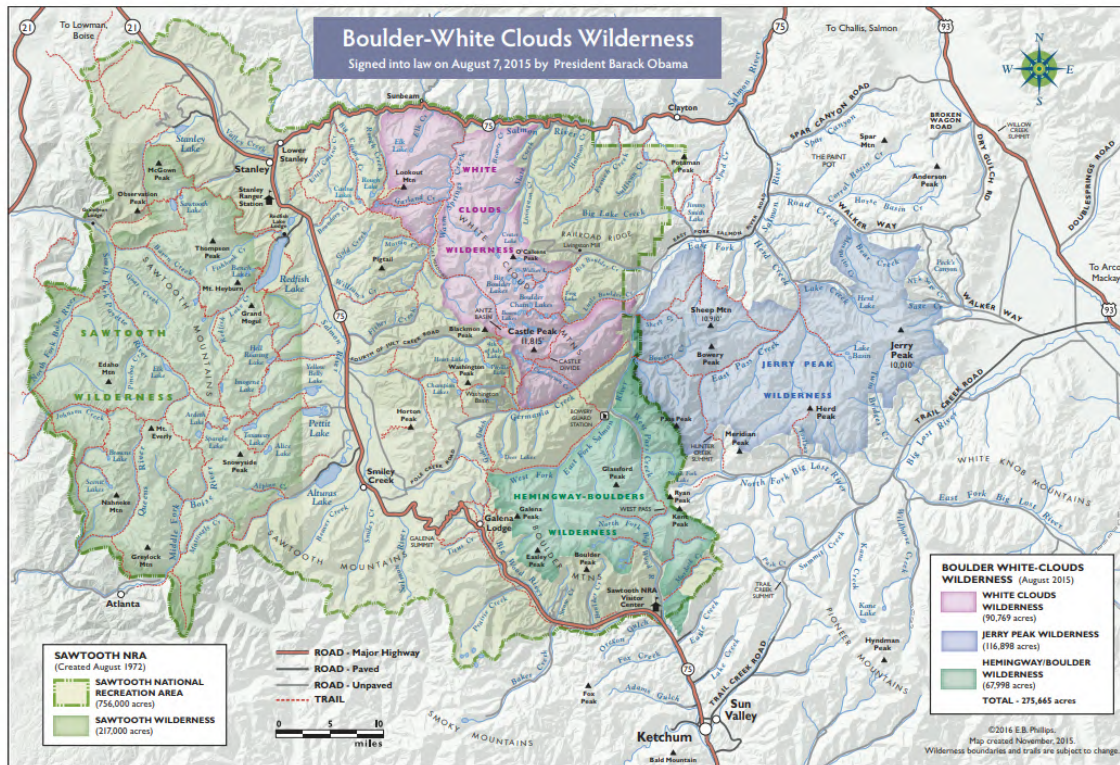
In addition to the environmental effects which generally accompany the construction of cell towers (for example, impacts to birds and wildlife, *see* U.S.F.W.S. Recommended Best Practices for Communication Tower Design, Siting, Construction, Operation, Maintenance, and Decommissioning, available at: <https://www.fs.fed.us/specialuses/commsites/documents/US-Fish-&-Wildlife-Service-Communication-Tower-Guidance.pdf>), three extraordinary circumstances relevant to AT&T’s proposed cell tower merit full NEPA review and public engagement, as detailed below. First, the tower would be located within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and threatens the scenic values and characteristics that the SNRA was created by Congress to protect. Second, the area in which the tower would be located (Custer County, Idaho) is heavily bolstered by ecotourism and outdoor recreation driven by visitors drawn primarily by the SNRA’s viewshed. Third, the potentially-lit tower would be located in the unique Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve, created to minimize lighted development and protect access to dark skies.

A. Sawtooth National Recreation Area

About 100 feet of the proposed tower would be visible above the tree canopy in the SNRA, including from Redfish Lake, significantly affecting protected scenic areas. *See* Attachment G.

The SNRA was designated by Congress in the Sawtooth National Recreation Act, Pub. L. 92-400, in order to “assure the preservation and protection of the natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values and to provide for the enhancement of the recreational values associated therewith.”

Encompassing 756,000 acres, the SNRA contains “over 700 miles of trails, 40 peaks rising over 10,000 feet and 300-plus high-elevation alpine lakes that add to the spectacular scenery and vistas,” and includes the Sawtooth Wilderness, Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness, and the Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness areas. *See* U.S. Forest Service, “Sawtooth National Recreation Area,” last accessed June 12, 2020, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sawtooth/recarea/?recid=5842>. A map of the SNRA from the Forest Service’s website is copied below:



Map of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (including the recently designated Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness Area).

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd497627.pdf.

The proposed tower would directly interfere with the Sawtooth National Recreation Act's stated purpose of preserving the area's natural, scenic, and pastoral values and characteristics. The particular ways in which the prominent tower would affect the scenic and natural characteristics of the SNRA, and how this might undermine its mission, deserves accurate evaluation and public disclosure, through NEPA's environmental analysis process.

The tower also threatens to undermine previous public investments in securing these same values on non-federal land within the SNRA. Primarily within the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin, and along the Salmon River, there are also roughly 20,000 acres of private land and some intermingled Idaho endowment lands. Since 1974, the Forest Service has acquired 92 scenic or conservation easements on private lands in the SNRA land envelope, covering 17,000 acres and approximately 82% of the total private land base. *See Attachment D, at 1-3.*

B. Regional economy

Ecotourism and outdoor recreation are a significant part of the regional economy in and around the City of Stanley and Custer County. *See Attachment C.* As noted in the Idaho Department of Labor's Tourism Industry report, Custer County's mountain ranges and Redfish Lake provide for outdoor activity and tourism and may largely explain why Custer County has the highest location quotient (i.e. concentration) of tourism jobs in Eastern Idaho. *See Idaho Department of Labor, Business Scan: Idaho's Tourism Industry (2014),*

<https://labor.idaho.gov/publications/tourism.pdf>; see also generally Idaho Department of Labor, Custer County Workforce Trends (May 2020), <https://lmi.idaho.gov/Portals/0/2020/WorkforceTrends/CusterProfile.pdf>.

Travel and tourism-related employment as a share of total private employment in the region ranges from highs of 46 percent in Clark County, Idaho and 36 percent in Custer County, Idaho to a low of seven percent in Butte County, Idaho. Attachment C, at 3. Redfish Lake, the largest lake in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, is perhaps the most popular camping spot in the area, perhaps even the State of Idaho, and is among the most visited tourist sites in the state. Attachment G.

Further, hundreds of thousands of tourists visit the SNRA every year; one report indicates that 77 percent visited for recreation. Viewing natural features of the SNRA was the top recreation activity (58%), topping hiking/walking, relaxing, or viewing wildlife. These visitors, attracted primarily by the scenic qualities of the natural environment, inject tens of millions of dollars into the regional economy and Custer County. Attachment C, at 5-8.

In addition to harming the scenic qualities of the statutorily protected SNRA, it is unknown how the proposed tower might affect the tourist economy that relies on these scenic qualities and the natural viewshed and the jobs that rely on a strong visitor base.

It is also unknown whether the proposed tower and its effects on the scenic environment would undermine public investment into the scenic and recreational qualities of the area both past and ongoing, including the Sawtooth Scenic Byway and a new trail system connecting the lake to the City of Stanley. See Attachment G, at 21-28. A Forest Service map of that trail is copied below:

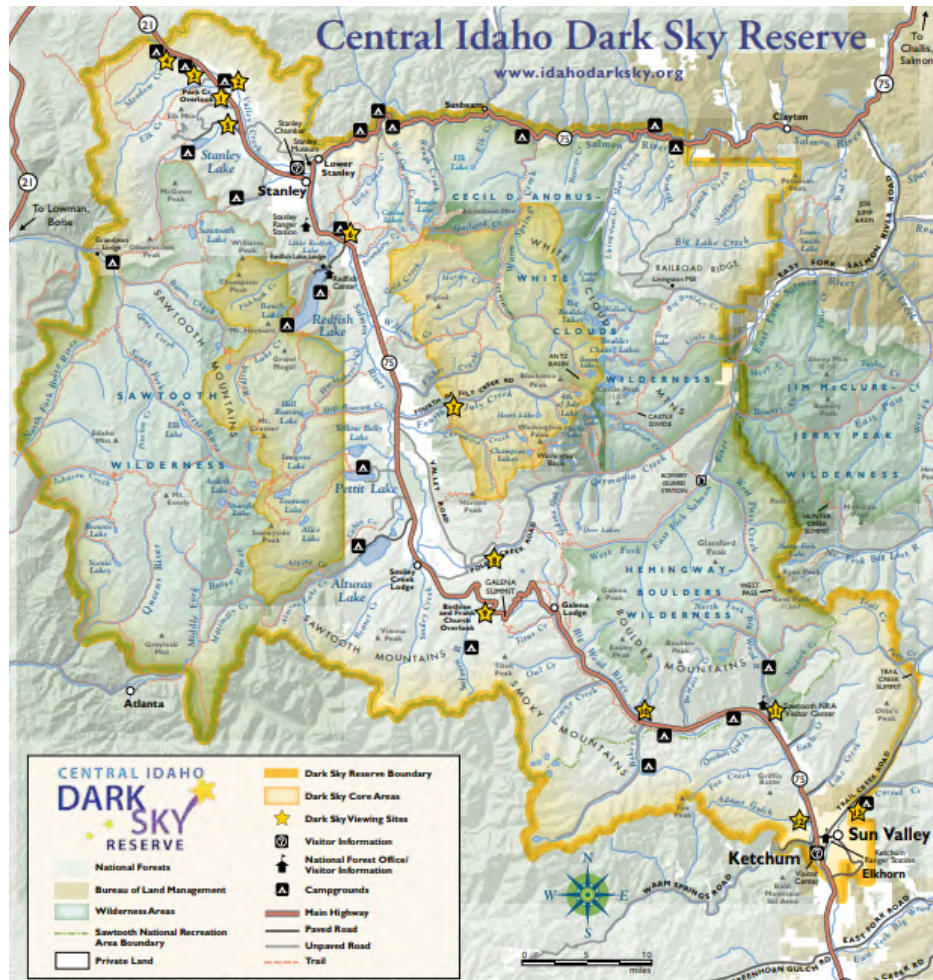


Map of the Redfish to Stanley trail system; the proposed tower site is to the immediate southeast of the Redfish-end trailhead.

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd624783.pdf.

C. Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve

The proposed tower also threatens to interfere with the unique, 906,000 acre-Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve (CIDSR) in which the proposed tower would be located. The CIDSR is shown on the map below:



Map of the extent of the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve.

The CIDSR was designated by the International Dark-Sky Association in 2017, approving an application by the Sawtooth National Forest, City of Stanley, Custer County, City of Ketchum, City of Sun Valley, Blaine County Commissioners, Idaho Conservation League, and representatives of several nearby universities in Idaho and Utah. Attachment E, at 68-108.

The first of its kind in the United States, the CIDSR aims to preserve the scenic and wilderness qualities enumerated in the Sawtooth National Recreation Act and the SNRA itself, “a shrinking number of places... where visitors can have a truly ‘off-grid’ experience, with access to neither electricity nor mobile phone service across thousands of square kilometers.” International Dark-Sky Association, “Central Idaho (U.S.),” last accessed June 12, 2020, available at: <https://www.darksky.org/our-work/conservation/idsp/reserves/centralidaho/>.

The Dark Sky Reserve designation is supported by lighting ordinances and regulations controlling lighting and lighting fixtures in the jurisdictions which joined in the application (including Custer County), and was approved after an inventory of light sources and luminaries in the designated Reserve space. Attachment E, at 36-41.

As noted in several comments to IDL, although the proposed AT&T tower may not require the tower to be lit under current FAA regulations, these regulations are currently under revision. *See* Attachment B, at 5, 9, 16; FAA Advisory Circular no. 70/7460-1L at 2-1, https://www.faa.gov/documentlibrary/media/advisory_circular/ac_70_7460-11.pdf; 47 C.F.R. § 17.23 (indicating that any specifications, standards, and general requirements set forth by the FAA in the structure's determination of “no hazard” and the associated FAA study are mandatory). In the case that such regulations should be revised or the FAA otherwise decide that the the tower should be lit (due to the tower’s near-200’ height or relative proximity to the Stanley airport), its presence and the nature of the lighting would be extremely deleterious to the unique CIDSR—a potentially irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 4332(C)(v).

In summary, Petitioners respectfully submit that any of these controversial and potential significant environmental effects, taken alone, would warrant environmental assessment, and the cumulative impacts of the proposed tower certainly required detailed NEPA evaluation, not use of a categorical exclusion. From the site’s location within a National Recreation Area to the rare Dark Sky Reserve to the site’s exceptional role in the regional ecotourism economy, the proposed tower threatens impacts on the human environment in ways that could not be reasonably expected to be foreseen by FCC or FirstNet’s listed “extraordinary circumstances.”

Any failure to consider this exceptional confluence on extraordinary environmental circumstances and potentially harmful impacts of the human environment would defeat this central purpose of the NEPA to engage the public and ensure that the government “looks before it leaps.” *Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, 282 F. Supp. 3d 91, 106 (D.D.C. 2017). Accordingly, FirstNet may not rely on a CE but must undertake full NEPA analysis, to review the AT&T tower if it proceeds as currently proposed.

Potential Project Alternatives

Additionally, if the current proposal is submitted to FirstNet by AT&T, it cannot be approved without considering reasonable alternatives, again requiring detailed NEPA analysis and procedures. Some potential alternatives are addressed below.

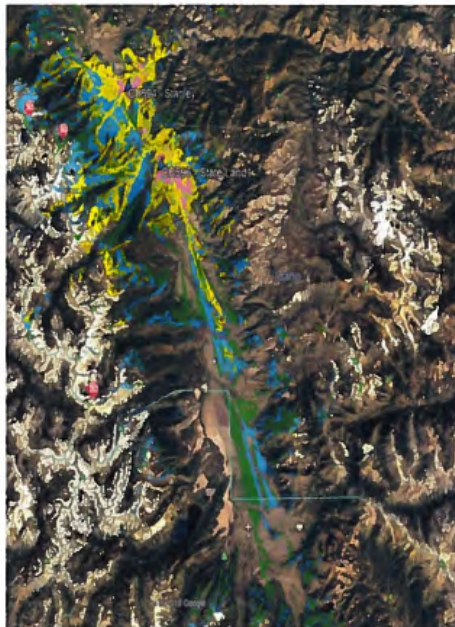
Consideration of project alternatives is the heart of environmental impact analysis. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 1502.14; *National Wildlife Federation v. National Marine Fisheries Service*, 184 F. Supp. 3d 861 (D. Or. 2016); *Montana Wilderness Ass'n v. Fry*, 310 F. Supp. 2d 1127 (D. Mont. 2004). Although the burden of exhausting reasonable alternatives (including the proposed action) rests on the responsible federal authority (and not petitioners), *see Sierra Club v. U.S. Forest Service*, 857 F. Supp. 2d 1167 (D. Utah 2012); *Utah Environmental Congress v. Bosworth*, 285 F. Supp. 2d 1257 (D. Utah 2003), a number of alternatives have already been identified which would

fulfill the mission of the proposed tower in serving the telecommunications needs of the area while minimizing negative and unnecessary visual, environmental, and economic impacts.

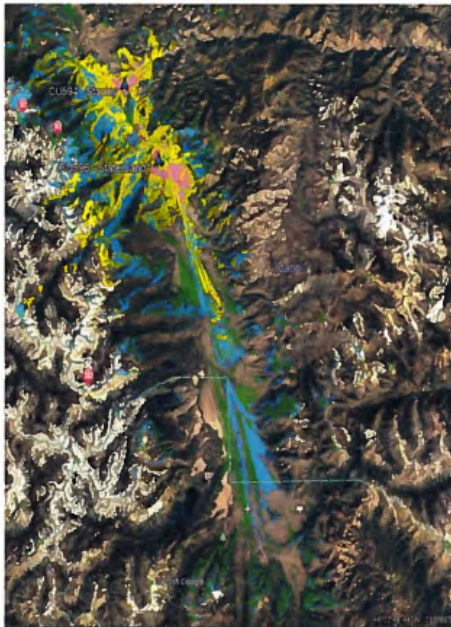
First, following the guidance and best practices suggested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, AT&T/FirstNet equipment could be co-located on the existing CusterTel cell tower located on the State of Idaho endowment land parcel. See U.S.F.W.S. Recommended Best Practices for Communication Tower Design, Siting, Construction, Operation, Maintenance, and Decommissioning, available at: <https://www.fs.fed.us/specialuses/commsites/documents/US-Fish-&-Wildlife-Service-Communication-Tower-Guidance.pdf>.

Again, CusterTel has already encouraged AT&T to co-locate with CusterTel on its existing tower at the same site, and has offered spectrum analysis data to IDL indicating that the proposed AT&T tower would not provide “materially better coverage in the State Highway 75 transit corridor, particularly to the south” than co-location on their own tower. Attachment B, at 1-3. The illustrations below, prepared by CusterTel, demonstrate this analysis:

Corridor Coverage at 100 Feet



Corridor Coverage at 200 Feet



CDMA Pilot RSL	
Color	Level : Description
Pink	-65 : Urban
Yellow	-75 : Residential
Blue	-85 : Light-Residential
Green	-95 : In-Vehicle
JDR Telecom Solutions, LLC	

Comparative radiofrequency propagation analysis. Attachment B, at 3.

Second, AT&T could construct multiple, smaller cell towers (possibly at the southern end of the Highway 75 corridor near Smiley Creek or nearer to the western end of Redfish Lake where current coverage may be lacking). Alternatively, a tower could be located on or near existing

built structures, such as the Redfish Visitor Center, which appears to have a clear line of sight to the western end of Redfish Lake. Alternative tower locations may involve procuring right-of-ways from other federal agencies in the area, such as the Forest Service, responsible for much of the SNRA, including the regulation of private lands in the area. *See generally* 36 C.F.R. § 292.17, § 292.18.

Forest Service officials are authorized to grant right-of-way authorizations or permits for communications facilities under 36 C.F.R. § 251.53(l)(5), according to a fixed and competitive rental fee schedule. *See* Attachment F; *see also* Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, ch. 30 (discussing Forest Service special use administration and fee determination), available at: https://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives/fsh/2709.11/2709.11_30.doc; 43 U.S.C. § 1761(a)(5); Forest Service Manual 2700, ch. 2710 (discussing Forest Service policy regarding special use authorizations), available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd526455.pdf. For more information regarding special use permitting (including the text of the lease, application information, and more on permitting procedure), *see generally* U.S.F.S. Special Uses - Communications Uses homepage, last accessed June 27, 2020, available at: https://www.fs.fed.us/specialuses/special_comm.shtml.

Further, recent Forest Service rules and regulations (as well as some proposed rules) are explicitly directed towards streamlining communications infrastructure siting and permitting on Forest Service lands, as well as removing regulatory barriers, including through permitting timelines, 36 C.F.R. §251.54; *see also* 85 F.R. 19660 (Apr. 8, 2020); 84 F.R. 50703 (Sep. 25, 2019) (Land Uses; Special Uses; Streamlining Processing of Communications Use Applications).

Third, some combination of the above-mentioned alternatives might provide ideal coverage of the region and meet the needs of FirstNet. Co-location with CusterTel along with one or more smaller tower(s) may be found to be the most appropriate and least environmentally intrusive project alternative. Considering the possibly significant effects the currently proposed project may have on the area's visual, economic, and environmental qualities, rigorous and objective NEPA analysis of possible alternatives is required.

Relief Requested

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioners respectfully request that, if AT&T submits its currently proposed tower for FirstNet approval, then 1) no categorical exclusion be applied to the project; 2) an environmental assessment and, if necessary, an environmental impact statement, be prepared pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.* and 40 C.F.R. § 1508.18, considering any and all reasonable alternatives (including co-location of equipment on the existing CusterTel tower); and 3) public comment and hearings per 40 C.F.R. § 1506.6(c)(1) be conducted.

In order to ensure their ability to timely seek judicial relief, if necessary, Petitioners also request a response to this Petition within 30 days, notifying Petitioners of FirstNet's response to the Petition. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide more information.

Very truly yours,



Laurence ("Laird") J. Lucas
Idaho State Bar # 4733
Attorney for Petitioners

Attachments:

- A: FirstNet NEPA Implementing Procedures
- B: CusterTel and other comments to IDL on AT&T proposed state lease
- C: High Divide Region—Summary of Recreation Economy (Headwaters Economics)
- D: Private Land in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (2018)
- E: Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve
- F: Forest Service Rental Fee Schedule for Communications Uses
- G: Media Articles

From: [JD Bennetts](#)
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 2:48 PM
To: [Comments](#)
Cc: [Jeffrey W. Bower](#); [Dennis Thornock](#); [Jentre Spencer](#)
Subject: Comments on Proposed Lease M700086
Attachments: CTCI Comments.pdf

Categories: Blue Category

Good Afternoon, Please see attached comments regarding Lease M700086.

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July 17, 2020

Via email comments@idl.idaho.gov

Idaho Department of Lands

Attn: Land Board Secretary

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Boise, ID 83720-0050

Re: Proposed Communications Lease No. M700086

Dear Board of Land Commissioners:

Custer Telephone Cooperative is an Idaho non-profit corporation. We have been providing communications services in Custer and Lemhi Counties since 1955. Pursuant to Communications Site Lease M700034 (the “**Custer Lease**”), Custer Telephone currently leases approximately two acres of land from the State of Idaho near Boundary Creek for a communications site and a cell tower (the “**Custer Tower**”). Custer Telephone is commenting on this matter because proposed lease No. M700086 contemplates the construction of another cell tower in the immediate vicinity of the Custer Tower.

Custer Telephone has two comments on this matter. First, if the Board decides it does not want another communications tower in the Boundary Creek area of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Custer has the ability to co-locate another provider on its existing tower. Second, Custer Telephone does not object to proposed Lease No. M700086 so long as the lease and the related communications facilities do not materially interfere with Custer Telephone’s tower or its 100 foot by 100-foot site pad.

1. Co-Location.

In 2013, Custer Telephone constructed the Custer Tower (approximately 100 feet tall) and brought utilities (power and fiber optic) to the subject property. When Custer Telephone designed and constructed the Custer Tower, it carefully weighed the natural and scenic beauty of the area and the desires of local citizens versus the public safety need for communications services in the area. As part of the Custer Tower, Custer Telephone also constructed a road for access and maintenance. As constructed, the Custer Tower has room to co-locate an additional service provider. Custer Telephone is always willing to work with cellular service providers to facilitate co-location. If the Board decides not to approve proposed Lease No. M700086, Custer Telephone will work with the applicant and the Idaho Department of Lands to facilitate co-location on the Custer Tower if that is the Board’s preferred alternative.

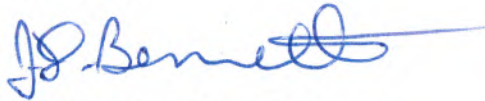
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2. Interference with the Custer Lease

The Custer Lease specifically allows Custer Telephone to use a 100 foot by 100 foot area of the leased property to site its communication facilities as shown on page 17 of the Custer Lease, which is attached as Exhibit A. Custer Telephone has been working with the Idaho Department of Lands over the last several months to understand the site plans associated with proposed lease No. M700086. Although we have not seen final plans, the Idaho Department of Lands has assured Custer Telephone that the tower and access road constructed under proposed lease No. M700086 will not interfere with the Custer Tower or encroach on our 100 foot by 100 foot site pad. Because no final plan has been presented to date, Custer Telephone respectfully requests that if the Board elects to approve proposed lease No. M700086, special direction should be given to the Idaho Department of Lands to ensure that the related communications facilities and access roads do not interfere with the Custer Tower or encroach on Custer Telephone's 100 foot by 100 foot building pad. We believe this special direction is warranted because the State of Idaho, as lessor, under the Custer Lease, agreed to provide Custer Telephone with quiet enjoyment of the leased property. *See* Custer Lease § 8.B. The State of Idaho also agreed that no other lease would be granted on the leased property that would materially interfere with Custer Telephone's use of the leased property to locate and operate its communications equipment. *See* Custer Lease § 16.E.

Thank you for considering Custer Telephone's position on these issues. Representatives from Custer Telephone will be attendance at the Board's meeting on July 21st to answer any questions the Board may have.

Sincerely,



JD Bennetts, General Manager
Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc

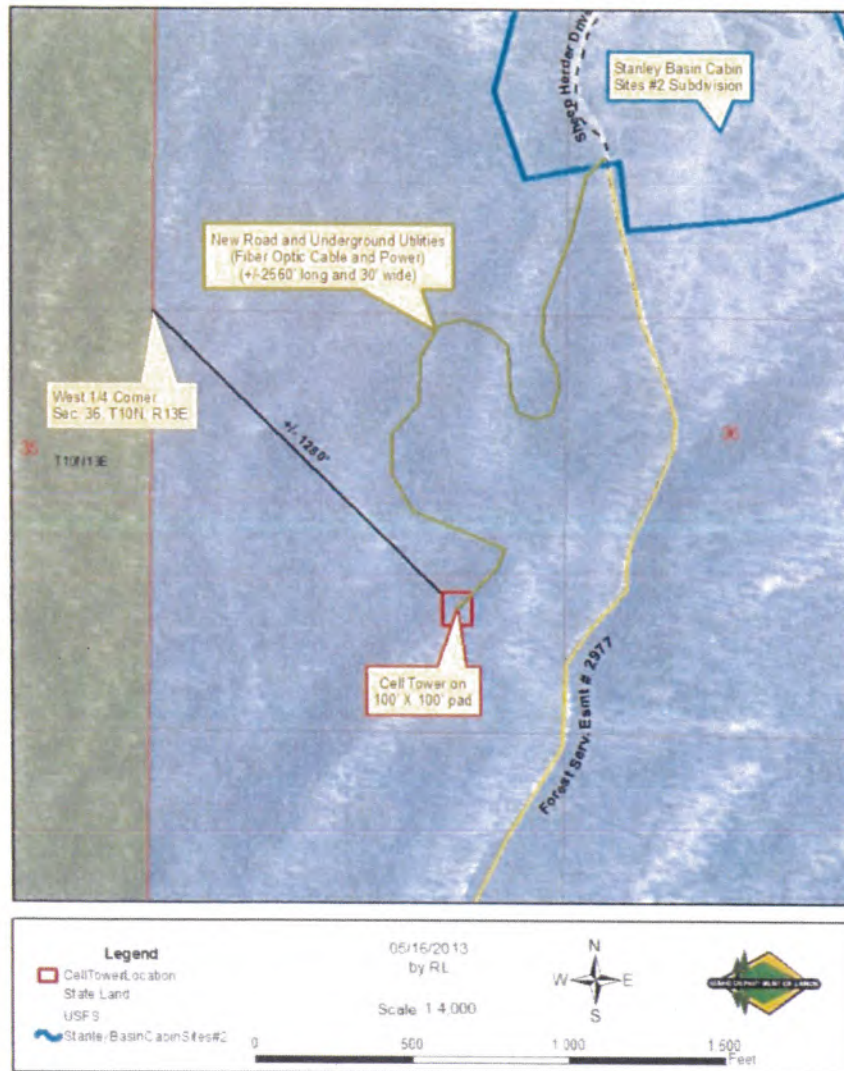
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Exhibit A

SITE MAP(S) (Continued)

Misc. Lease M700034
Parts of SWNW, Gov't Lot 3, NWSW, SEC 36, T10N, R13E



From: Ann Christensen <Ann.Christensen.331557934@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Comments
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell tower in the Sawtooth Valley!

Dear Director Dustin Miller,

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The proposed cell tower is three times taller than surrounding trees and in direct conflict with the core values protected by Congress when they established the SNRA. These include preservation of natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values, and to provide for the enhancement of the area's recreational values.

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For these reasons, I implore you to withhold approval of this lease and find ways for the State of Idaho and the applicants to work together with the public and other agencies in the community to find a more appropriate solution. Any modified proposal should provide for a reasonable public comment period.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,
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From: Frances Rutter <Frances.Rutter.81834060@p2a.co>
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Regards,
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