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## CPU24-0013/AT&T Monopine on Loch Leven

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**From** Nanette Lewis <nanetmari@yahoo.com>

**Date** Wed 1/21/2026 9:44 AM

**To** Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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Nanette Lewis  
5033 Rainbow Trail  
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**Re: CPU24-0013/AT&T Monopine on Loch Leven**

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## Conditional Use Permit CPU24-0013/AT&T monopine Loch Leven Drive

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**From** Brian Whitford <briannwhitford@gmail.com>

**Date** Wed 1/21/2026 8:51 AM

**To** Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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Hi there, I live in Sly park hills and I'm against the plan of putting up a cell tower here. We do not need one and I live here without cell service for good reasons, and if I need to make a call it's easy to just turn on the Wi-Fi.



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**RE:CPU24-0013/AT&T Monopine on Loch Leven**

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**From** Hope Falcy <HFalcy@teichert.com>  
**Date** Wed 1/21/2026 7:01 AM  
**To** Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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Dear Planning Dept.docx;

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Please find attached my letter in regards to this matter

Thank You

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***BUILDING. TRUST. TRADITION.***

Dear Planning Dept ,

RE:CPU24-0013/AT&T Monopine on Loch Leven

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed cell tower installation in our neighborhood which will directly obstruct my views not to mention be right in our face from every window we look out and door we exit.

This project raises serious concerns regarding its impact on our community, including but not limited to property values, neighborhood aesthetics, and overall quality of life. Our area is rural residential and the meadow that this proposed Tower will be on is where spring wildlife come to begin their nesting, especially fawning. These towers are known to leave nothing growing under them which will take from the wildlife here. The addition of a large commercial structure would significantly alter the character of the neighborhood drastically.

Many residents chose to live here because of its peaceful environment and visual appeal. For myself the snowcapped Pyramid Peak is a daily reminder of why I chose this house in this neighborhood. A tower of this size would be an intrusive presence and could discourage future homebuyers, potentially lowering property values for families who have invested their life savings into their homes.

I have seen some renderings of where this tower will sit and it looks like it's right on Rainbow Trail, the setback is less than ordinance and I object to that 100%. Residents deserve a meaningful opportunity to be informed, heard, and involved before any decisions are made that will permanently affect our surroundings.

I respectfully request that you reconsider this proposal and explore alternative locations that are more suitable for this type of infrastructure, such as industrial or commercial zones where it would have less impact on residential communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will take into account the concerns of the families who call this neighborhood home.

Sincerely,

Hope Falcy

5055 Loch Leven Dr. Pollock Pines, CA 95726

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## AT&T cell tower

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**From** Jordan4evr@comcast.net <Jordan4evr@comcast.net>

**Date** Tue 1/20/2026 5:32 PM

**To** Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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I have a residence in Sly Park Hills and I am definitely for the cell tower to be installed as our cell service is very spotty and if you don't have a WiFi I can't get cell phone service an I think that location it a great spot an will not be an eye sore.

Thanks Mike McIntosh  
Sent from my iPhone



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**Permit CUP24-0013/AT&T Moonpine**

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**From** Michael Falcy <mnt\_mikenpp@yahoo.com>  
**Date** Tue 1/20/2026 4:49 PM  
**To** Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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Hello.

My name is Michael Falcy owner of the property located at 5055 Loch Leven Dr . Pollock Pines , Ca 95726 . I live directly across from the proposed Monopine job site.

I do not approve of the Conditional Use Permit CUP24-0013AT&T Monopine Loch Leven Dr . submitted by Public Safety Towers , Lcc . I do not agree with this permit for many reasons which I would be happy to address at the meeting on 01/22/26 .

Thank you  
Michael Falcy  
5055 Loch Leven Dr  
Pollock Pines , Ca



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## Comments - AT&T Monopine Loch Leven Dr.

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**From** Marsolais Family <marsolais.family@yahoo.com>

**Date** Tue 1/20/2026 4:15 PM

**To** Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

**Cc** Steven C. Osborn <Craig.Osborn@edcgov.us>

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Please find the attached comments pertaining to CUP24-0013/AT&T Monopine Loch Leven Dr. Project, which is an agenda topic for the January 22nd Planning Commission meeting. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting, but please accept our written comments. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you, Jennifer Marsolais

Jeff and Jennifer Marsolais  
4978 Loch Leven Drive  
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January 20, 2026

El Dorado County Planning Commission  
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**Subject: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CUP24-0013/AT&T Monopine Loch Leven Drive**

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to express concerns regarding the AT&T Monopine Loch Leven Drive Project. Our comments focus specifically on the staff-suggested alternative location—the Staff-Analyzed Alternative Siting Area—identified in the January 22, 2026 agenda packet (pp. 204–205, 218–220). According to the packet, staff independently conducted spatial analysis indicating that an alternative location within the subject parcel could potentially meet the required setback (agenda packet p. 19). Survey markers placed near this area on or around January 13, 2026, further suggest that this location is being seriously considered<sup>1</sup>. While this alternative location may satisfy setback requirements, development of a telecommunications facility in this area would result in significant scenic and environmental impacts.

First and foremost, the Staff-Analyzed Alternative Siting Area location provides exceptional scenic value to residents along Loch Leven Drive and the Sly Park Hills community. Constructing a tower and an accompanying access road in this location would make the facility highly visible from key viewpoints along Loch Leven Drive and Rainbow Trail. This would fundamentally alter the visual character of the area and diminish the scenic quality

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<sup>1</sup> During this same timeframe, damage occurred to the corner of our property. In the course of locating the pin marking our property corner along Loch Leven Drive, rocks were removed from a small retaining wall, destabilizing the drainage ditch just upstream of a culvert. When we visited the County Surveyor’s Office on January 15, 2026, staff confirmed that no authorized work had been conducted in this area. We also contacted the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) that same day, and they confirmed that no EID projects were underway near our property. Given the timing and the proximity of the Staff-Analyzed Alternative Siting Area directly across the street, this disturbance appears connected to field work associated with the cell tower project. Wooden stakes were placed at the property corner, and four silver markers—painted bright pink—were installed on the county road directly across from our property. This unauthorized activity has altered a portion of our retaining wall structure and created a drainage concern. **We respectfully request that the responsible party be identified and that the County require them to coordinate restoration activities with us prior to taking any further action.**

that residents and visitors deeply value. Many residents along Loch Leven Drive, nearby streets such as Golden Street, and others who walk the neighborhood regularly enjoy the undeveloped, unobstructed views across the open, rocky lava cap toward the surrounding mountains, including Baltic Ridge. The area is appreciated for wildlife viewing, stargazing, and its natural, relatively undisturbed rural landscape. It's common for residents of Sly Park Hills and visitors from surrounding communities to use this area for night sky viewing and stargazing. Notably, there are no powerlines, utility poles, or other development—aside from a few homes—on that side of Loch Leven Drive, making the visual impact of a tower and associated facilities particularly stark.

In addition to these scenic concerns, the Staff-Analyzed Alternative Siting Area raises substantial environmental concerns. This area contains rare and sensitive lava cap formations—geological features that are exceptionally fragile. These formations support unique plant communities that depend on thin, well-drained volcanic soils and highly specific hydrology. Disturbance from construction, grading, or ongoing maintenance would irreversibly damage these shallow soils and unique biological communities. Once compromised, lava cap ecosystems cannot be restored, and the species that rely on them would be permanently displaced. It's widely recognized that lava caps represent unique wildlife and plant communities, and organizations such as California Native Plant Society and others have long championed their protection.

Additionally, this area also functions as a wildlife movement corridor. Deer, coyote, bear, mountain lion, quail, turkey, and many other species regularly traverse this open lava cap to move between habitat areas. Introducing a tower, access road, and associated disturbance into this landscape would fragment this corridor and disrupt established movement patterns, further compounding the ecological impacts.

The county staff's observation that the applicant "did not include at least one (1) other feasible property or other feasible location within the project parcel that could be compared to the subject site in terms of aesthetic and environmental impact" may be accurate. However, the applicant's setback waiver documentation provides some rationale explaining why this alternative location—on the north and northeast portion of the 10.5-acre property—is not feasible and would result in significant impacts, several of which align with the concerns outlined in this letter (agenda packet p. 54). It remains unclear whether other feasible properties were fully evaluated. For example, the documentation notes that the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) was contacted, but it is not clear whether EID declined or simply did not respond (agenda packet pp. 21, 26, 68, 69). Additionally, the property at 5425 Sly Park Road, now potentially under new ownership, may warrant further

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consideration as a potential alternative site. There may be other properties which have not been fully considered in the area as well.

In conclusion, the Staff-Analyzed Alternative Siting Area presents substantial concerns. There are other potential sites or technological approaches that could meet coverage needs without compromising irreplaceable scenic landscapes and sensitive environmental resources. If this alternative location is to be considered in any capacity, a Mitigated Negative Declaration would be insufficient to document the extent of the impacts or to meet the legal standards required for a project with this level of scenic and environmental significance. Because this staff-suggested alternative has not been evaluated in the CEQA document and the public has had no opportunity to review or comment on it, any consideration of this location would require new environmental analysis conducted with full transparency and public participation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to thoughtful, responsible planning. We look forward to working with you and other county officials to resolve the property damage that has resulted from this project.

Sincerely,

**Jeff and Jennifer Marsolais**

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**To** Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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I'm am now opposed to the monopine installation on Loch Leven with the proposed variance on setback requirements. This places the tower within a few yards of our most vulnerable population of elderly & ailing residents.

I still think the best idea is to seek a site with EID or USFS. Not in a residential community. Please convey my concerns to the team as I currently am ill and unable to attend unless I make a miraculous recovery in the next 24 hours.

Nanette Lewis  
5033 Rainbow Trail

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