



T-Mobile Monopine CUP25-0006

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Date Wed 3/11/2026 7:57 PM

To Steven C. Osborn <Craig.Osborn@edcgov.us>; Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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Dear El Dorado County Planning Department, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors,

My name is Trevor Fahy, and I am a resident of El Dorado County and a 100% disabled combat veteran. I am writing to formally submit my opposition to the proposed installation of a T-Mobile telecommunications tower in our area and request that this letter be entered into the official record for this project.

I chose to move to this part of El Dorado County because of its rural agricultural character, open space, and quiet environment. These qualities were an important factor in my decision to invest in property and build my life in this community.

As a combat veteran living with service-connected PTSD, maintaining a stable, quiet, and low-stress living environment is essential for my health and daily functioning. The peaceful nature of this area has been an important part of managing the long-term effects of my military service.

The proposed tower raises several serious concerns that I ask the County to carefully evaluate.

First, the proposed location appears inconsistent with the intent of agricultural zoning and applicable setback requirements designed to protect rural residential properties. Agricultural zoning is meant to preserve rural character and prevent incompatible industrial infrastructure from being placed in close proximity to homes and agricultural land. A large commercial telecommunications tower introduces an industrial structure into an area intended to maintain open space and rural use.

Second, the proposed site does not appear to adequately consider the cumulative impacts on nearby residents and neighboring properties. Telecommunications towers of this scale bring permanent visual impacts, equipment enclosures, potential generator use, lighting, and maintenance activity that can significantly alter the character of a quiet rural neighborhood.

Third, the presence of a telecommunications tower in close proximity to residential property raises legitimate concerns about property value impacts. Many homeowners chose to move to this area specifically because it is rural, scenic, and free from large infrastructure developments. The introduction of a prominent tower structure can negatively affect the desirability and long-term value of nearby homes. For many residents, including myself, our property represents our largest financial investment.

Additionally, I ask the County to consider the personal health and psychological impacts that this project may have on residents like myself. As a combat veteran living with service-connected PTSD, environmental stressors can significantly aggravate symptoms related to

hyper-vigilance, anxiety, and sleep disturbance. The installation of a large telecommunications tower near my home, along with its associated infrastructure and ongoing presence, would introduce a constant reminder of industrial development into what has been a quiet and stabilizing environment. This could worsen the effects of my service-related condition and undermine the stability that this rural setting currently provides.

When I made the decision to move here, it was with the expectation that the County would maintain the rural character and agricultural land protections that are fundamental to this area. Introducing a commercial telecommunications tower at this location appears inconsistent with those expectations and the intent of the zoning protections.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that El Dorado County:

- Reevaluate whether the proposed site meets agricultural zoning intent and setback requirements
- Carefully review the compatibility of this project with surrounding rural residential properties
- Consider alternative locations that minimize impacts to existing residents
- Protect the rural character and property values of this community
- Consider the potential impact on the well-being of residents, including disabled veterans

I appreciate the work the County does in balancing infrastructure needs with the protection of existing communities. I respectfully ask that the County deny this proposed location or require relocation to a site that does not negatively impact nearby residents.

Thank you for your time and for considering the concerns of the community members who live here.

Respectfully,

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Public Comment – Opposition to CUP25-0006 (Proposed T-Mobile Tower)

From hayden rhodes <hayden.d.rhodes@gmail.com>

Date Thu 3/12/2026 5:52 AM

To Steven C. Osborn <Craig.Osborn@edcgov.us>; Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Hayden, and I live near the proposed site of the 120-foot cell tower planned at 5280 Garden Valley Road.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the public hearing because I am currently working out of town, but I wanted to make sure my concerns were still shared with the Commission before any decision is made.

I am writing to strongly oppose this project being placed so close to my home and family.

I am a 100% disabled United States veteran, and my wife and I are raising five children here in Garden Valley. My wife has also grown up in Garden Valley her entire life, so this community means a great deal to our family. We chose to build our life here because of the rural environment, the open space, and the peaceful lifestyle it offers for raising our kids.

Our property isn't just a house to us—it's where our children grow up and where we care for our animals, including horses and chickens. We live this lifestyle because we value the rural character of Garden Valley and the quality of life it provides.

Placing a 120-foot telecommunications tower and equipment compound directly next to residential homes would change the character of this area significantly. Garden Valley is known for its rural setting, and people choose to live here specifically to get away from large industrial-style infrastructure like this.

As a father of five children who would be living right next to this proposed tower, I also have concerns about the long-term health and safety implications of having a multi-carrier wireless facility operating so close to our home.

In addition to those concerns, I have already experienced issues with the neighboring property. A large oak tree from that property recently broke and fell onto my property, which caused problems and raised concerns about property maintenance and safety. Because of that experience, it worries me to see additional infrastructure proposed so close to neighboring homes.

I also understand that this project is requesting a setback waiver, which would allow the tower to be placed closer to surrounding properties than what is normally required. Granting that waiver would bring a very large structure even closer to families like mine who live nearby.

I understand that improving cellular service can be important, but placing a tower of this size immediately next to homes and families should not be the first option. I strongly believe alternative locations farther from residential properties should be considered.

Garden Valley has been my wife's home her entire life, and now it is where we are raising our own children. We chose this community for its quiet rural character and the quality of life it offers our family. I respectfully ask the Planning Commission to carefully consider the impact this tower would have on the families who already live here and deny this permit or require the project to be relocated to a more appropriate location.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and consider the concerns of the residents who call this community home.

Respectfully,

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Cell tower

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Good morning. I am writing to express my concern about my neighbor installing a cell tower next to my house in Garden Valley.

They seem to have significant health issues such as cancer from radiation exposure, along with many other problems.

They pose a fire threat due to lead-acid batteries and the use of diesel fuel.

The neighbors are ready to retire and want the extra income for renting their land. I am also trying to retire but will have to sell my home. The installation of this tower will decrease our property value by up to 20%.

This is not a good spot for a tower, we have many children in the area, we don't want to expose them to this health Hazzard.

Thank you for your consideration.

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