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COUNTY OF EL DORADO
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item # 2

El Dorado County – Planning Division
Building C
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, CA 95667

SUBJECT: Letter of Support – Increased Wireless Coverage in the Jenkinson Lake Basin
(FirstNet/AT&T)

To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to express the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office's general support for efforts to improve cellular and wireless communications coverage throughout El Dorado County, particularly in rural and high-risk areas such as the Jenkinson Lake Basin near Pollock Pines.

Reliable cellular coverage is a critical component of public safety operations, emergency response, and community safety. Improved coverage in this area would enhance communications for first responders, residents, and visitors, especially during emergencies, evacuations, and wildfire incidents.

The Sheriff's Office supports projects that increase wireless coverage provided such projects comply with all applicable El Dorado County Planning Department requirements, including zoning standards, environmental review, and required setback criteria. Any proposed facility must meet these established requirements and obtain the appropriate approvals through the County's planning and entitlement process.

El Dorado County has a significant history of wildland fire, including the Caldor Fire, which impacted areas surrounding the southern portion of Jenkinson Lake. Enhancing communications infrastructure in these areas supports public safety preparedness and response capabilities and contributes to the overall safety and quality of life for county residents.

Accordingly, if the proposed project complies with County requirements and receives the necessary approvals, the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office supports the effort to improve wireless communications coverage in this region.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Leikauf, Sheriff - El Dorado County

The purpose of this letter is to convey the Amador–El Dorado Unit’s support for the proposed wireless telecommunications facility in Pollock Pines near Jenkinson Lake.

Our support is rooted in the clear understanding that inadequate wireless coverage poses a significant public safety concern. Wireless devices are now the primary means of communication for most households, and the vast majority of 911 calls originate from mobile phones. When coverage is limited or nonexistent, the public’s ability to reach emergency services is compromised, delaying critical medical, fire, and law enforcement response. Insufficient coverage also restricts access to timely alerts during natural disasters, severe weather, and other hazards, increasing community risk.

Reliable wireless service is equally essential for first responders. Large-scale emergencies have repeatedly demonstrated that communication failures, whether due to incompatible systems, network congestion, or insufficient infrastructure, hinder coordination and reduce the effectiveness of emergency operations.

To strengthen public safety communications nationwide, Congress established the National Public Safety Broadband Network (FirstNet) in 2012.

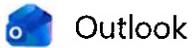
The Amador–El Dorado Unit and its cooperating agencies depend on dependable coverage for daily operations as well as major incidents. Wireless connectivity supports dispatching, situational awareness, GPS routing, emergency notifications, evacuation coordination, medical telemetry, and communication with healthcare facilities. It is an essential tool for our personnel.

Current wireless service around Jenkinson Lake and the Sly Park Recreation Area is extremely limited and none of the major carriers provide reliable coverage. Improving coverage here is vital to ensuring public and responder safety.

For these reasons, the Amador–El Dorado Unit supports this project and encourages its approval.

David Wood
Unit Chief

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From Autumn Brown <autumnrnb@gmail.com>
Date Wed 1/21/2026 9:50 PM
To Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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To whom it may concern,

I do not support a tower going up in my neighborhood of Sly Park Hills. I have lived here my whole life. I grew up in this neighborhood running around with friends and riding bikes and have now bought my own home to raise my children here. Our homes are supposed to be our safe place and this tower does not make me or my family feel safe. We need to protect our children and not subject them to the harm these towers cause. Please consider people's health and safety and the well being of our neighborhood.

Thank you.

Kindly,

Autumn Brown

Proposed Cell tower in POLLOCK PINES

From Steffani Lazier <ravensdream@icloud.com>
Date Wed 1/21/2026 7:45 PM
To Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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Hello,

Please DO NOT put another cell tower in our area. I live fairly near the proposed location on Rainbow in Sly Park Hills. The tower will cause environmental damage, is ugly even if you dress it up as an obviously fake tree, and most importantly there is scientific evidence showing cell towers emit signals harmful to humans, and animals including BEES. Bees are important pollinators of our agricultural crops whose population is in decline. Please don't hurt our community.

PLEASE- Do not approve this tower!!

Thank you,

Steffani LaZier
POLLOCK PINES, CA

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From: Michael McLaughlin <McLaughlin@wfca.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2016 4:39 PM
To: Steven C. Osborn <Craig.Osborn@edcgov.us>
Cc: Ande Flower <Ande.Flower@edcgov.us>; Frank Schabarum <frank.schabarum123@gmail.com>; Margie Pauley <m.pauley@pstctowers.com>
Subject: Re: POLLP01 - Pollock Pines - CUP24-0013 - 1/22/2016 Planning Commission Agenda Item 2 - 26-0095 - Loch Leven Alternatives

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Steven and Ande,

Please see the attached letter of support from the El Dorado County Sheriff.

Is it possible to get the letter to the Planning Commission either before or at the meeting?

Thank you both!

Mike

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