Verizon Wireless

Omo Ranch Wireless facility

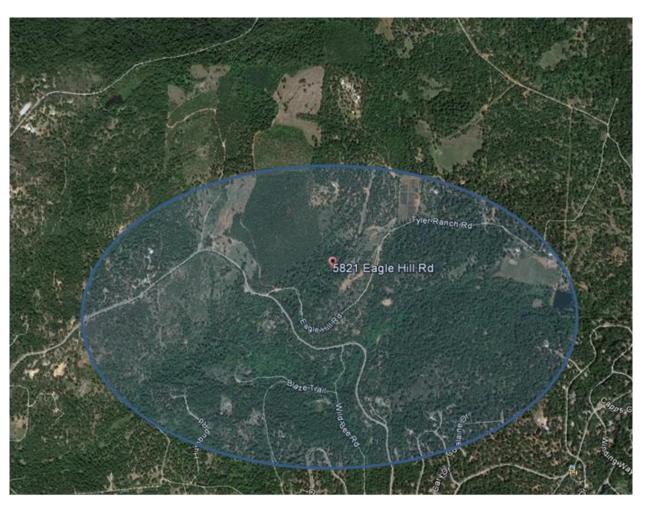
5821 Eagle Hill Rd. Grizzly Flats, CA 95636



Location and terrain condition



Proposed capacity improvement



RF Site Engineering

RF Technical Site Justification:

This proposed search area was deemed necessary by Verizon's RF Engineers to meet the capacity and some coverage demands of the rural residential properties in the Grizzly Flat area. The site will also provide traffic coverage for portions along Eagle Hill road and String Canyon Road. The sloping terrains in this area reduce a line of site option and limit the ability for placing a 4g compatible solution.

The existing system is becoming overwhelmed by uses that are enhanced with 4G operational attributes. These require far more capacity than simple phone usage with the additional abilities to make, document downloads, greater storage and higher data capacity use overall. The only way to overcome capacity loss is by placing a new facility to fulfill the weakened signal.

The proposed site is a needed community Infrastructure that is supported by local owners, professionals and fire protection

Letter # 1 from a Local business professional.

Our real estate office is often queried for information on accessibility and availability of telecommunications services in our rural community. Many potential clients are now requesting adequate telecommunication coverage at the properties they consider to purchase. Additionally, our agents personally experience very poor telephone signal and coverage as they are in and about the community visiting properties. Not only does this affect the local communities' productivity and effectiveness but it is a terrible safety hazard, on a personal and public level. We urge you to consider the safety and welfare of our residents and businesses who will benefit greatly from this proposed telecommunications tower and approve the construction of the wireless telecommunications tower project. Sincerely,

Leedy D' Agostini Broker/Owner and Ed Keller Broker/Owner Keller & D' Agostini

Letter # 2 from local Pioneer Fire District

Planning Commission,

My name is Jack Daniels and I am writing this letter in favor of the proposed Cell Tower permit# S15-0008 for the community of Grizzly Flats California. This much needed infrastructure will fill a huge gap in communications for emergency responders within our fire district. All of our apparatus utilize Verizon MDC terminals for mapping and receiving of calls. We currently do not have that ability in Grizzly Flats.

This addition will lower response times and provide vital information to emergency responders that are dispatched to the community. The addition will also fill a much needed second means of communication for the citizens of Grizzly Flats, in the event of emergencies, the landline system in that community is unreliable at best. There have been many instances that the residents needing vital emergency services have had to drive a long distance to call 911 as the landline system was not operational. This is unacceptable and I strongly request the commission not only approve of the permit but fast track its processing through the county as this is definitely a public safety concern.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions on this matter at 530-417-2109, I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope for a successful outcome.

Jack H. Daniels

Fire Chief, Pioneer Fire Protection District

Letter # 3 from a private resident.

Dear planning commission;

I have been a resident of the community of Grizzly Flats for 11 years, and am writing in support of the approval of Special Use Permit S15-0008 for the installation of a Verizon Wireless Communication Facility Monopole at 5821 Eagle Hill Road (APN 041-011-30), Grizzly Flats, CA. Grizzly Flats has no community cell phone tower service. As a result, reporting of public safety emergencies is oft-times delayed when accidents, wildland fires and other critical situations requiring emergency services occur. When such incidents are seen by passersby, they must search out a nearby homeowner willing to let them use that homeowner's landline in order to call 911. You are keenly aware that in a matter of minutes, a small roadside fire can become a full blown wildland disaster; and that a matter of minutes can make the difference between life and death at an accident scene and other medical emergencies. Currently, public safety personnel working within the Grizzly Flats area cannot use their department-issued cell phones; and I've learned that radio coverage for the EI Dorado County Sheriffs Office (EDSO), California Highway Patrol (CHP), CALFIRE, Pioneer Fire Protection District, et al., is sporadic and therefore unreliable within our community. Having cell coverage within the Grizzly Flats area would no doubt be welcomed by the above agencies, affording them opportunities to provide a greater level of public safety through the provision of critical emergency services that are otherwise readily available throughout other parts of El Dorado County. It is widely known that the current AT&T landline phone system in Grizzly Flats is failing. An AT&T technician told us during a repair call to our home that they no longer maintain the system although they do come out for repairs when requested. Several members of our community, my husband and me included, lose landline phone service due to water getting into our phone equipment during rain and snowstorms. In addition, past AT&T back-up generator failures have resulted in us and other members of our community having no telephone communications at all during power outages. This public safety issue is a matter of grave concern to us and our neighbors. Thank you in advance for considering my comments during your deliberation process.

Sincerely, Melanie Hessing

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Letter # 4 from Local CSD

El Dorado County Planning Commission County of El Dorado Community Development Agency Development Services Division-Planning Services 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Special Use Permit S15-0008/Verizon Wireless Communication Facility, Grizzly Flats

Dear Planning Commission:

On behalf of the Grizzly Flats Community Services District, I am writing to support the approval of Special Use Permit S15-0008 for the installation of a Verizon Wireless Communication Facility Monopole at 5821 Eagle Hill Road (APN 041-011-30), Grizzly Flats, CA 95636.

The Grizzly Flats Community Services District has the responsibility of providing treated water for domestic use and fire protection to the residents within its service area. Approximately 1,227 parcels exist in the service area. Elevations of the service area vary from 3600 feet at the southwesterly end of the area to 4200 feet at the northeasterly end. The District has about 600 service connections.

Currently, there is no cellular phone service available within our community. Without cellular service, our staff must utilize a somewhat unreliable CB radio system for communication during our daily operations. Oftentimes, static noise will interfere with the radio transmissions, making it difficult to understand what is being said. Also, our staff has been forced to use outdated and impractical pagers to receive notifications during emergency situations. This poses an extreme delay as someone must call into the pager number, wait for the elongated beep, correctly enter in their contact number, and then wait for an operator to respond as soon as they receive the page and/or are able to access a telephone. Needless to say, having cellular service in Grizzly Flats would greatly improve our staff's communication capabilities.

The lack of cellular service also seriously delays reporting of public safety emergencies when someone (such as a motorist seeing a wildfire) has to find a resident at home to use their landline, or when public safety (El Dorado County Sheriff, Pioneer Fire Protection District and CAL FIRE) personnel cannot use their department-issued cell phones. Having a secondary communication system for our residents and first responders to use would be extremely beneficial to improving emergency response times and public safety in our community.

In summary, the Grizzly Flats Community Services District urges the El Dorado County Planning Commission to approve Special Use Permit S15-0008, allowing the installation of the Verizon Wireless Communication Facility located at 5821 Eagle Hill Road in Grizzly Flats to significantly improve our District's communications and overall safety within our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 622-9626.

Respectfully

Jodi Lauther General Manager Grizzly Flats CSD

Summary

- Verizon followed a proper due diligence process to establish their proposed facility. Our current candidate was selected after several other property options were considered and ruled out.
- Verizon's site location is at substantial distances from any neighboring residence.
- The proposed site is not in a "drive to" view shed from any arterial roadway and will have little to no impact.
- Verizon's proposed site is well camouflaged and simulations prove it will blend well with densely tree' d hillsides.
- Verizon's proposed site will provide a much needed community infrastructure that is desired by Professionals, Local Fire, The Local CSD and Residential owners in the Grizzly Flat and surrounding community.
- The proposed Facility was certified by a professional EME engineer and it was determined that the site was compliant with findings that were 1.6% of the General public EME.
- The decision to approve this project would comply with all County general requirements and meet the county standards outlined in ordinance sec. 130.14.210, relative to Wireless Communication Facilities.