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Please deliver attached to all Commissioners.	
Thank you,	
RICH WANNER 3170 One Eye Creek Road Placerville, CA. 95667	
To Commissioners	

April, 22, 2016

To: El Dorado Planning Commissioners 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA., 95667

Subject: S15-0001 Swansboro/Verizon cell tower

Dear Sirs:

Concerning the placement of this cell tower I would like you to consider the following information.

- EAGLES, there is no suitable habitat for this species on the project site and no known occurrences within five miles of the site. The fact is that Bald Eagles occur quite regularly not only within five miles but within just one mile of the site. The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association has a responsibility to monitor the birds at Finnon Lake as part of a mitigation obligation of the Finnon Lake Dam Project. On December 12, 2015 a birding group doing one of these surveys observed a Bald Eagle among the various other birds so this is a recorded observation. In addition to that there are numerous other Sightings and even pictures taken within a one mile radius of the tower site. The most recent ones that I'm aware of are that of one flying over the tower site itself earlier this month and another at Finnon Lake just this week. My point is that Bald Eagles are here and the Biological Assessment for this project is flawed.
- (2) If a genuine archaeological study was done it should be noted that there are two registered sites consisting of at least 22 Indian Grinding Mortars along a very sensitive spring fed stream just one third of a mile from the tower site. These are numbers 05-03-53-33 and 05-03-53-34 on file at the National Forest Service Heritage Office at 100 Forni Road in Placerville.
- (3) The National Forest Service authorizes the use of it's land for communication sites such as cell towers to provide communication infrastructure to cities and communities. I'm asking how come Verizon has not explored alternative sites in the National Forest when it's land actually abuts the very parcel where the site is proposed?
- (4) The homes on the south side of One Eye Creek Road are in a residential zoned area and it is my understanding that an El Dorado County ordinance requires a minimum 500 foot setback for cell towers from a residential zone. In that case the tower needs to go North another 300 feet.

In conclusion there are many thing wrong with this project. Incorrect Biological studies, Incomplete Cultural Heritage and resource information, No meaningful search for alternate sites and complete disregard for the disruption of a community. And, these are just a few of the multitude of reasons for the denial of this tower on this completely absurd location.

I appreciate your attention to my letter,

Sincerely.
RICH WANNER





Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Letter from Kaiva Dahrian re: Proposed Cell Tower Hearing/One Eye Creek Road 4/28/2016

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Dear Sirs:

Attached are letters and document from myself in regards to proposed Mosquito cell tower hearing on April 28, 2016.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Kaiva Dahrian, MS, LMFT

2 attachments

Letter April 22, 2016.pdf 212K

Final Draft Modern Horror Story July 29, 2015t.pdf 210K

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Mark Lobaugh
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Re: File # 15-0881

Upcoming hearing on April 28, 2016 regarding 109 foot Cell Tower on One Eye Creek Road, Mosquito, CA

Dear Sirs:

This letter addresses the latest attempt by Verizon Wireless to put a cell tower at the top of a private, residential dirt road in Mosquito California.

Following is a brief history of the situation for those who may not be familiar with the case:

Nine months ago, in preparation for a planned cell tower hearing on August 13, 2015, I sent a letter and document (titled "A Modern Horror Story") to the El Dorado County Planning Commission about the building of a cell tower and industrial complex at Location #285387 on One Eye Creek Road. These are a few quotes from my letter and the story is attached for its factual research:

"The industrial complex is planned 150 feet from the door of a retiree's home....."

"These actions are causing immense distress among the members of the Upper One Eye Creek Road Community. 50% of the members of this community are retirees and this is causing unnecessary alarm and anguish."

At the planning commission hearing on August 13, 2015, the residents of Upper One Eye Creek Road came before you and we ended with a closing statement (transcript follows):

"We are standing up as a united community for justice, and our liberty to have peace of mind and security in our neighborhood.

You, the planning commission, have read our supporting documentation that was provided to you days and weeks before this hearing.

Our closing points are:

- 1) The proposed building of this cell tower complex is inflicting needless pain and suffering on our community.
- 2) The proposed building of this cell tower complex creates a dangerous situation that could endanger human lives. If the cell tower falls, as it could easily get struck by lightning at this elevation, it would create a forest fire risk and lock our community in at the top of a dead-end road.

In conclusion,

We, for the better part of two decades have created the best for our family and friends by creating a safe and beautiful community at the top of One Eye Creek Road Hill.

The perpetrator of this cruel act of indifference to community matters, a business owner and absentee landowner, has contributed nothing to the betterment of this community. He is now instrumental in terrorizing it. We are asking him to revoke his application for rental monies from Verizon.

We are not against progress. We are demanding that the 22nd largest company in the United States of America utilize its resources to find a solution that does not inflict the above-mentioned acts of cruelty.

We know that you are required by law to process this application. Knowing what you know, we are now asking you, PLEASE to stamp this application D-E-N-I-E-D.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Upper One Eye Creek Road Residents" (underlines added by this writer for April 22, 2016 letter)

At that same hearing on August 13, 2015, Verizon Wireless representatives, Mark Lobaugh and Engineer Doug came before the commission and gave the following response to our closing entreaties: "...some of the statements are overblown because of emotion and the project has been called inflicting cruelty on the neighborhood.....let's get the emotions out of it."

At this same meeting the planning commission asked that Verizon do a proper alternative site search, because there were untruths in their statements about alternative sites.

In the following days, on August 17, 2015 The Mountain Democrat ran a headline that read, "Terrorizing Cell Tower Put on Hold." The neighborhood felt that we had made our point and that Verizon would use their immense resources to find a solution that was satisfactory to all parties.

During the winter of 2015 and spring of 2016, Verizon proceeded to make plans to move the cell tower down the road, and on Monday, March 28, 2016 the planning commission notified the neighborhood that Verizon was planning to relocate the cell tower so that it now would sit in direct view of another senior citizen's front yard, approximately 250 feet from their front door.

To summarize the situation, we asked Verizon to find a solution that did not terrorize the neighborhood and inflict pain and suffering on it. We asked the landowner to return rental monies to Verizon. These would have been honorable things to do. But their response was to ignore our requests, to "kick the can down the road" and harass more senior citizens.

This is the short history. I would like to address emotions. Emotions and their repercussions are my profession as a licensed mental health professional.

The facts are that we reported to Verizon that we felt terrorized by this cell tower. Perhaps the word terrorized is not understood. This is the Webster's dictionary definition:

"to cause someone to be extremely afraid."

The definition of Emotional Elder Abuse is: "inflicting mental pain, anguish or distress on an elder person through verbal or nonverbal acts, e.g. humiliating, intimidating or threatening." (cited from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging). Definitions and references can also be found in the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15610 and the California Penal Code Section 368.

I identify this as emotional abuse:

We asked Verizon and landowner to stand down due to distress, and they did nothing of the sort. Verizon and landowner have been unwilling to respond to our wishes to remove plans for the proposed cell tower in our residential neighborhood, and now the cell tower is planned 250 feet from a senior citizen resident's front door.

The active planning process for this proposed cell tower has caused this senior to seek medical attention due to symptoms of anxiety, depression, and sleeplessness. Attached is a brief summary of the situation:

- This senior, in whose front yard the cell tower would now sit, is 77 year-old retiree with a disabled husband, who is dependent on the care of his wife
- 100% of this senior's family lives on this hill 3 sons, a brother, and daughter-in-law.
- This senior has had disabling migraines, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sleeplessness, confusion, distractibility, loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities, and other symptoms directly due to the machinations of this proposed cell tower project
- This senior has tried to handle these symptoms on her own, but finally turned to her physician for help.
- This senior now has documented diagnoses as a direct result of this proposed cell tower project.
- This senior is now taking medications to help manage her distress.

This senior citizen is in crisis, and this proposed tower affects her immediate family and inhibits her caregiving capacity. It is a serious matter to which attention must be paid. Is intentional infliction of emotional distress something that you might want to run by your legal department?

We are confident that:

- the 22rd largest corporation in the United States will find a way of providing cell tower service in a rural area surrounded by 780,000 acres of national forest, than to intimidate and cause mental pain, anguish and distress for a whole family and residential neighborhood
- the absentee landowner will return rental monies to Verizon and cancel their contract

Finally, if this is an issue akin to eminent domain, and this is the only site that would serve the communications industry in this huge swath of land, then we will ask Verizon to take proper steps to reimburse the owners of these properties for emotional suffering and loss of property values.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kaiva Dahrian, M.S., L.M.F.T.

Cc:

Lowell C. McAdam, CEO and Chairman of the Board, Verizon John G. Stratton, Executive Vice President, Verizon Media

A Modern Horror Story

(First Draft)

Introduction

I am fully expecting to have my heart further broken in this situation, but I have a personal story to tell about a tiny piece of land on a private, dead-end, dirt road in the Sierra Foothills. The story is about a mega-corporation and a non-resident neighbor that plan to desecrate and violate personal space, peace of mind, enjoyment of property, and investments.

It is about a "Perfect Storm" of circumstances - the 22nd largest corporation in America that wants what they want, governmental protocols, economic demand, and a landowner who is not concerned about an 85-foot high cell tower in his back yard because he does not live underneath it.

It is a David and Goliath story. A story about a handful of poor people that are having their peace and security threatened by Verizon Wireless Corporation (\$127,000,000,000 in revenues), a neighbor who sees dollar signs and a government that does not want this industrial complex on their own land.

There are 52 pages of documents from agencies and Verizon that say that this cell tower is perfectly OK and poses no negative impact. Why?

In any case, here is the story. Perhaps others will be made aware of how the building of a cell tower can affect their lives.

Personal Statement

I own a small piece of property that I have loved and cared for 17 years. It is a place that has brought me peace, joy, safety and connection with nature. It has been a place of peace and healing. It sits on the edge of civilization at the site of 60 miles of national forest. The times that I have spent visiting there have

brought me immeasurable joy. I was planning to build a house and to retire there.

I am a student of Native American culture and tradition, and I bought my property 17 years ago in the spirit of Earth Stewardship and Land Conservation. This small property was described as an Eagle's Nest by a friend, a property nestled into a hill. I have reforested this little place that was burned in the Chile Bar Fire of 1979. I have planted at least 30 trees, and landscaped the area to resemble a park. It has been my joy to watch this land grow and flourish.

I have put many hours of sweat equity into this little project, and I am fighting for this little piece of dirt that I promised to protect during my lifetime. I am fighting like it was my child, because in a way it is. This land has been a chief focus of mine for the last 17 years. I followed my bliss and made the earth a better place ("whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition......that is to have succeeded," Success by Ralph Waldo Emerson.) I am clear on what I stand for and for what I am fighting.

Out of all the places to put a mini-industrial complex and fake tree cell tower, they want to put it in an Earth Steward's front yard. Life is full of ironies........

Problem Overview

Across the road from my sacred land by 300 feet is where Verizon Wireless has chosen to try to put an 85 foot cell tower that is designed to look like a fake tree. 85 feet tall! (My trees after 17 years of being planted are perhaps 30-40 feet tall). 85 feet tall is a 6 to 7-story building. In addition to this, a mini-industrial complex of generators and other equipment is set to be built. A property owner that does not live in the neighborhood has given them permission to do it.

Verizon Wireless Corporation wants to build an 85 foot high cell tower with six antennae at 77 feet, equipment shelter, generator and related ground equipment within a 1,200 square-foot leased area atop One Eye Creek Road in Mosquito, Placerville. This is a private, dirt road in an unincorporated area that sits next to Swansboro Country (a planned community 8 miles from Placerville). It is a place where a handful of like-minded people have sought peace and safety, preferring to live on a dirt road near the National Forest.

One Eye Creek Road sits on the edge of the El Dorado National Forest which consists of 786,994 gross acres. The people that live at the top of this hill live here in order to enjoy the pristine beauty of the area. They care about the peaceful environment and nature. They do not want this cell tower there. It threatens their peace and security.

The cell tower is being built within 50 feet from the road, on a property that is 39.75 acres large. The neighbor only leased a smidgeon of his property that was near the road! The cell tower is being built across the road and 150 feet from the front door of a home! The pictures in the exhibits make it look all nice and fine, but do NOT show the view from the neighbor's front yard directly across the road from the proposed cell tower. Why? Because it looks awful.

The cell tower at 85 feet is large enough to be on my property. It is 300 feet or less from my property. It is completely within my line of sight and would dominate the Northeastern view, every day.

Does anyone reading this want a cell tower 150 to 300 feet from their home? Would any of you deem it appropriate to have a cell tower within 150 to 300 feet of your homes?

With 786,994 acres in which to operate, Verizon wants to build its cell tower in the middle of a small residential neighborhood atop the hill. It appears that it is difficult to get permission from the El Dorado National Forest to get this done. The county of El Dorado says it is perfectly OK in a residential neighborhood. Why? Residents that are directly affected by the proximity of the cell tower are adamantly against it.

The goal of the cell tower is to reach other towns in the area which sit across the canyon and to make sure that people in the National Forest have access to cellular phone coverage. That's fine. But why affect a residential neighborhood and not put it in the forest that one is maintaining to want to protect?

Verizon claims that it has done an <u>alternative site search</u>. This has consisted of targeting One Eye Creek Road Hill and then approaching all relevant property owners until they secured permission from a property owner who does not live in

the neighborhood and wants to earn some easy cash. This property owner has no personal stake in this community as he does not live here.

Verizon Wireless Corporation and our neighbor are showing no regard whatsoever for community and peace of mind. This is heartbreaking and a slap in the face of values and commitment.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES OF CELL TOWER

These are the reasons that most average people do not want a cell tower in their front yard.

Aesthetics

There are no 85 foot trees in the area because they all burned down in the Chile Bar Fire of 1979. This cell tower is an unseemly eyesore in an otherwise pristine vertical landscape. It would be easily identifiable by its height, the five foot high metal fence, noisy generators and other equipment within 50 feet of the road. The complex is not hidden, as the report says. As neighbors, we live, walk and drive in the area and would see it every day. The pictures in the Exhibits do NOT show what it looks like from the neighbor's front yard 150 feet away. From my front yard it is clearly visible, because it is different and taller than all other trees in the area.

Environmental Impact

The 6 page environmental impact report talks about raptors and deer that might live and travel through this property and the safeguards made for them. But we humans cannot avoid this 85-foot fake tree and industrial complex. My neighbor and I personally see it from our front yards. The inhabitants of the upper hill neighborhood must drive or walk by it every day, because the road is dead-end and there is no choice to go the other way.

<u>Health</u>

Because of the FCC Telecommunications Act of 1996, health and safety effects cannot be used in the case of challenging a cell tower application. So we cannot talk about this, but search the Internet and there are many, many studies about the deleterious effects of cell towers. One such report is a meta-analysis of individual studies by the Valhalla Wilderness Society of Canada

In a review of 14 studies collected from the WHO database and put together by Drs. Michael Kundi and Hans-Peter Huttera, 10 out of the 14 presently existent peer-reviewed studies analyzed found significant increases in ill health effects from cell tower exposures. (Kundi, 2008 at the London EMF International Conference). Populations close to cellular antennas show an increase in the effects of health problems in those closest to the antennas with the risk factors dropping off as distance and RFR levels decrease. Symptoms range from sleep disturbances and headaches to breast and brain cancers.

But do not pay attention, as these studies are not considered valid in the United States.

Location

This cell tower is <u>directly</u> in front of the home of a retired person by 150 feet. It is 300 feet from my front yard. It is on a private road in a residential neighborhood.

Peace of Mind and Enjoyment

These actions threaten the peace of mind and enjoyment of the inhabitants of this residential neighborhood, especially the ones that have to see it and go by it every day on the way to work, the mailbox, or a walk in the forest.

Property Values

Property values go down. We lose return on our investments. There are few people that want to live underneath a cell tower. Real Estate agents demand to know when a cell tower is in an area. That is because it lowers property values.

PERSONAL RESULT/Forced to Sell Property

The personal upshot of this is that since I will not retire underneath a cell tower and mini-industrial complex, this crooked business maneuver forces me to sell my property and find another piece of land on which to retire. For at least 5,000

years of human civilization, a property on top of a hill was a place of safety. That is not the case in the last 20 years, hence the name, "A Modern Horror Story."

I am an aging worker and this land is my security. According to the proposed plans, I am forced to sell. I lose my primary investment, my security and peace of mind.

How is a corporation that has so many resources and choices of location in this area allowed to do this?

Why does Verizon find it necessary to disturb a residential neighborhood and disregard the community that lives there?

Why won't they do the work to find a solution so that they do not destroy dreams and property values?

SOLUTION

Verizon Wireless can do some more homework and find a solution that does not impact a residential neighborhood. They have the resources to do so.

There is Bald Mountain and Slate Mountain and 780,000 acres of national forest. They can work with their sponsors, the government and other interested parties and put the cell tower on top of a hill where it would actually blend in and not affect a residential neighborhood.

Verizon Wireless Corporation can figure out another way.

There is a solution here that does not cause the heartache and emotional devastation that you are planning on inflicting.

Let us find that solution.

Cc: Family and Friends
Possibly Interested Parties

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Attn: Aaron Mount, Associate Planner \$15-0001/Swansboro Verizon Cellular Tower

It is our understanding that on Dec. 15, 2015 the ordinance for cellular towers was updated. The ordinance number is #5030..130.40.130.

This new update says that in residential zoning areas a cellular tower should be at least 500 ft. from a residence.

The proposed Verizon Swansboro tower is within 250 ft. of at least 2 homes.

We are asking that you examine this ordinance #530..130.40.130 before you make any decisions regarding this cell tower.

Thank you in advance for this consideration,

100% of the property owners on the upper part of One Eye Creek Rd. that have recorded deeded access rights on One Eye Creek Rd.

Richard Wanner...Retired
Larry Webb
Tony Webb
Marty Desmond...Retired
Kaiva Daharian
Don Wagner......Retired
Loretta Webb......Retired
Victor Webb......Retired

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Community Development Agency Development Service Division County of EL Dorado 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667 RECEIVED PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Attn: Aaron Mount, Associate Planner S15-0001/Swansboro Verizon Cellular Tower

This is in regards to the last hearing on Aug. 13, 2015. This is to clarify some of the conversation at this hearing.

Mark Lobaugh and Steve, Verizon Engineer were allowed to speak after public comment. The public was not allowed to speak after Mark spoke for the second time. We ask this planning commission please take these conversations clarifications into consideration and get clarification on future conversations before you make your decisions.

The numbers on the left side are the approximate minutes into the audio of the hearing on Aug. 13, 2015.

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Planning Commission said: Further North you go you eventually reach National Forest Land. Did you explore National Forest Land? The elevations come back up. Was that one of the sites explored? Is the National Forest open to the sighting? We had this discussion for the Tahoe Tower.

Mark said: It's remote. I've actually been out there. I've hiked far north and it is inaccessible. I believe it's BLM Land. It's a combination of National forest and BLM land. There's no power. There's simply no power to the site. That would be an issue right and the fire marshal has reviewed the site.

NOTE: Mark abruptly changed the conversation.

See exhibit #1, #2, #3, #4. Ridges to the North and Northeast.

EXHIBIT 1....FOREST ROAD RUNS PARALLEL TO RIDGE NORTH OF ONE EYE CREEK RD. proposed SITE.

EXHIBIT 2.... Ridge to north of proposed site on One Eye Creek Rd. PHOTO TAKEN FROM THE FOREST ROAD IN EXHIBIT #1

EXHIBIT 3....Forest road goes to top of ridge north east of proposed site on One Eye Creek RD.

EXHIBIT 4....Top of hill north east of the proposed site on One Eye Creek Rd

1:29:34

Mark said: I will point out that I met with a lot of these folks that got up here and they expressed a desire to have the tower on their property, even to the point of having follow up calls saying please come back and review it. Are you sure? Those types of conversations. So I'm a little perturbed by the fact seeing such a flip here.

Of all the people that spoke at the hearing the only person that talked to Mark was Loretta Webb. Loretta answered Mark's letter to find out what this cell tower thing was all about. Mark came out and looked at her property. When she found out what this thing looked like loretta did not want it on her property and she showed him better suited property where it would not be so intrusive. After talking to her neighbors and kin Loretta discovered that not one of the neighbors wanted this tower on their property. At the time Loretta knew nothing about these cell towers. It is Loretta's nature to do research. After doing much research on these towers Loretta was horrified. At that point Loretta knew why her neighbors were so against this cell tower. We live on a dead end road, in a high fire danger area with a lot of dry lightning in the summer time. We are good neighbors and we would not inflict this danger on anyone.

Not wanting this tower near her or her neighbors She called Mark and asked him if a decision was made as to where this tower was going. Mark said no decision was made so we figured that this tower was not going to be built on this hill. We wanted to find out where it was going so we could try to do something about it. Not one of the property owners on One Eye Creek Rd., that have a legal deeded-right-of-way, knew where this tower was going until we saw the land cleared on Mr. Rumsey's Property.



NOTE: Mark said that he met with a lot of the folks that got up and spoke. We want to make this very clear. Loretta Webb is the only person that spoke to or met with Mark Lobaugh until this hearing.

1:30:28

Mark said: In terms of the road. When I first started looking into this I went out and talked to the folks and explored. Asked if there is a road committee? We wanted to address the road issues first of all when we build this site.

Once again Mark never spoke to any of us that live on the upper part of One Eye Creek Rd. about the road. Talking to the other residents we can't find any one that talked to Mark about the road.

1:38:10

The Planning Commission said: Alternative site analysis. I fail to see how this is an alternative site analysis.

1:39:48

Mark asked the Planning Commission: What is the definition of an alternative site analysis?

Planning Commission said to Mark: You go out and do some studies, different sites that would accomplish the same objective, same coverage.

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Planning Commission said: Looking at a map this can't be the only place, looking at the map these places could be evaluated north and along Rock Creek Rd. NOTE: We did not see this area on the revised alternative site study.

Thank you for letting us get this off our chests. This has upset and stressed all the residents of the upper part of One Eye Creek Rd. as we had to sit and listen to this at the Aug. 13, 2015 hearing and not be able to respond. It is our opinion that this borders on fraudulent conversations to obtain a Special Use Permit.

We are asking that you deny this special Use Permit.





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ADDITIONAL ATLTERNATIVE SITE ANALYSIS AS REQUESTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. PROJECT SUPPORT STATEMENT REVISED 2/5/16

ALTERNATE SITE C:

To us this looks like Verizon went to a site that they knew will not work and posted it as an alternate site.

IS THIS A JOKE?

ALTERNATE SITE D:

To us this looks like Verizon went out and picked another site to post that they knew would not work. OMG AIRPORT.

IS THIS A JOKE?

Alternate site B:

Bald Mountain.

This looks to us like it could be legit.

ALTERNATE SITE A

Slate Mountain:

Too high....

Question: Does the tower have to go on the top of the mountain?

There is power on Slate Mountain.

HEARING AUG.13, 2015 AUDIO TAPE.

1 min. 40 sec. into tape.

Planning Commission: Looking at a map this can't be the only place, looking at the map these places could be evaluated north and along Rock Creek Rd.



The planning commission brought the area on Rock Creek Rd. to Verizon's attention and yet they ignored it as an alternative site.

QUESTION:

Could it possibly be, because this area would work. Forest area, close enough to power, slightly higher that One Eye Creek Rd. site. Then again it might be to high and/or interfere with reception some where else.

Given what we have seen and heard involving this project, it is our opinion that the only way Verizon will in good faith do an honest alternative site analysis is if this commission stamps the permit **DENIED**.

We are asking this commission to please double check any technical information provided by Verizon before you issue this permit.

Sincerely,

100% of the property owners on the upper part of One Eye Creek Rd. that have recorded deeded access rights on One Eye Creek Rd.

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Attn: Aaron Mount Project Planner County of El Dorado Planning Commission 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, Ca. 95667 RE: S15-0001 Swansboro Verizon Cell Tower.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

We agree that a cell tower is needed for the Swansboro/Mosquito area. However there is no valid reason that in this vast area surrounded by ridges that are higher than the site on One Eye Creek Road and close proximity to the El Dorado National Forest that Verizon should build a cell tower within approximately 250 ft. of 2 homes owned and occupied by elderly retired persons. We will have to look at this cell tower every time We go to and from town, walk our dogs, visit neighbors and family etc.. We cannot believe that One Eye Creek Rd. (within approximately 900ft. of 6 homes out in the boonies) is the best and only place to put this tower. This might be expected in a city or town where it is the norm, but One Eye Creek Rd. is in a very rural area that should be kept rural. (NO COMMERCIAL MINI- INDUSTRIAL-COMPLEXES AND FAKE TREES.)

Mosquito/Swansboro is a very rural area on a very narrow/twisty road that includes crossing a one vehicle at a time bridge. The greater length of the road has no white or yellow lines. It takes 20 minuets to ½ an hour (depending on how safe you drive) to get to a grocery store or a gas station. We did not move this far from town to live next to a cell tower and mini-industrial-complex. It is very wrong have this forced on us.

The residents that live in the proposed Lake Arrowbee tower area submitted letters to this Planning Commission from local Real Estate Appraisers and local Real Estate Agents that do business in El Dorado County stating property values drop up to 25% when close to a cell tower and such properties are difficult to sell. The Planning Commission should be well aware of cell towers and property values in our county so I will not burden this planning commission with repeated paper work from local business folks that the commission has previously read.

Most home buyers that would consider buying a home in such a rural area as Mosquito are buying homes this far from town to get away from pollution and commercialism. Home buyers buy homes in this area to enjoy the wild life, aesthetics, scenery and peace and quiet, not to live approximately 250 ft. to 900ft. of a cell tower or to have to drive by a cell tower staring them in the face on a private gravel road on a daily basis. Many home buyers moving this far out in a rural area would not even think about buying our homes, many home buyers perceive the EMF rays harmful to health. PERCEPTION IS EVERYTHING.

We ask this commission, If Cell Towers are not intrusive or injurious to a neighborhood:

Why can a home seller be sued by a home buyer if the home seller did not disclose that a cell tower is near by?

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Photo submitted by Verizon:

This is the view that Victor and Loretta Webb will see from their front porch, driveway, front yard and part of their deck. The gate in this picture is across the road from their front yard/driveway.

Our immediate family owns 4 homes and 1 parcel within approximately 900 ft. of the proposed Verizon/Swansboro cell tower.

EXHIBIT A...3 pages

Home values on One Eye Creek Rd.

These home values are on the low side as the home at 3300 One Eye Creek Rd. sold in 2015 for \$535,000 not \$488,000.

Home values on One Eye	Creek Rd.	15%loss	21%loss
3170 One Eye Creek Rd.	\$244,000	\$36,000	\$51,240
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3180 One Eye Creek Rd.	\$244,000	\$36,000	\$51,240
3188 One Eye Creek Rd.	\$245,000	\$36,750	\$51,450
3230 One Eye Creek Rd.	\$278,000	\$41,700	\$58,380
	Total Loss	\$212,310	



Our family will loose between \$150,000 to \$212,310 on our homes, if we could sell them at all (we do not want to live around/under this cell tower) We are not rich, or have the funds that Verizon has. We could not afford to rent another home and pay the mortgage on our home while we are waiting for our homes to be sold.

We ask this Planning Commission, Verizon and the U.S. Is this proposed Verizon Tower: INJURIOUS to our neighborhood? Is this proposed Verizon Tower DETRIMENTAL to to welfare, and/or health of our neighborhood?

Verizon does not build these towers just to provide cell service they build them to make money. Verizon is one of the largest company's in the United States. We have no idea how much they will make from this tower, but it is probably more than We make in our life times.

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National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy Survey.

The National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy's Survey says:

"79% would under no circumstance purchase, or rent a property within a few blocks of a cell tower or antennas"

"Property values were reduced by 21% after a cell tower was built"

Solution #1:

Our government mandates a cell tower in this area so put it the National Forest on Government land.

Solution #2;

Verizon and our government wants this hill so bad they should buy us all out at fair market value then Verizon and our government can try to sell the properties and take the loss. We could then go back to being happy, find a place to live where we can once again enjoy our lives.

Thank You for your time,

100% of upper One Eye Creek Rd. residents/property owners that have a legal deeded right on One Eye Creek Rd.

Rich Wanner..Retired Larry Webb Marty Desmond..Retired Tony Webb Kaiva Daharian Don Wagner..Retired Victor Webb..Retired Loretta Webb..Retired

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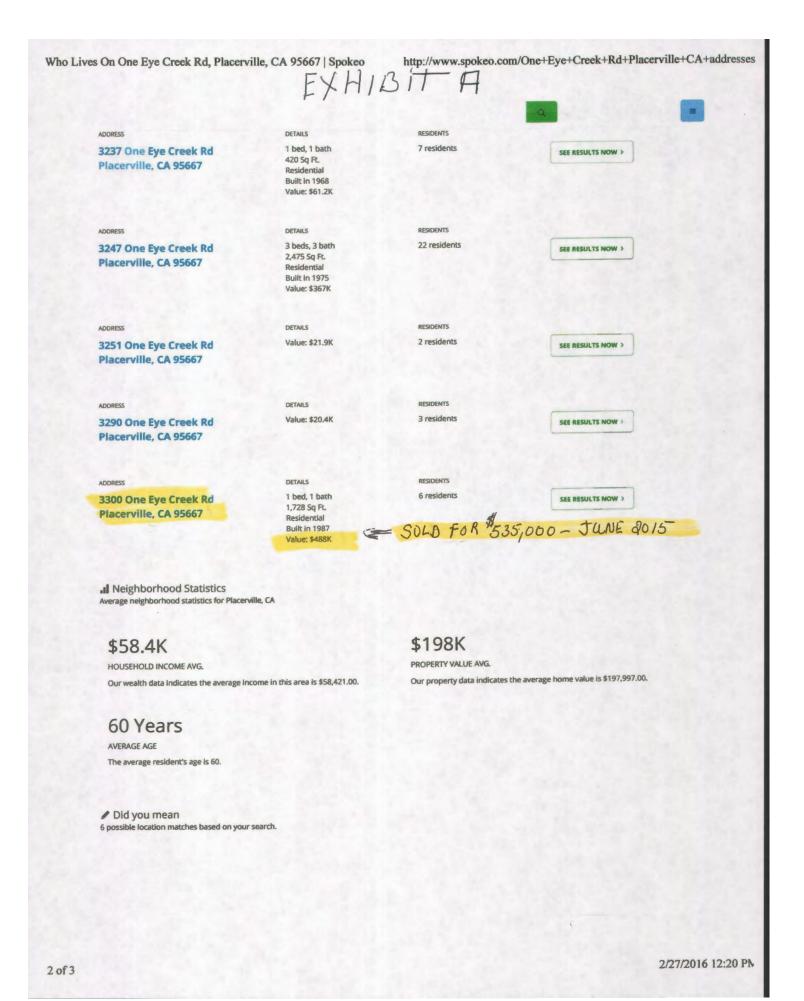


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Property History for 3300 1 Eye Creek Road Date Event Price Appreciation Source Jun 22, 2015

Sold (Public Records)

\$535,000 2.5%/yr

Public Records

May 7, 2003

Sold (Public Records)

\$395,000 9.2%/yr

Public Records

Apr 24, 1992

Sold (Public Records)

\$150,000 -

Public Records



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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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EMF Real Estate Survey Results: "Neighborhood Cell Towers & Antennas—Do They Impact a Property's Desirability?"

03.07.2014 by emily Category Electromagnetic Health Blog



The National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy's survey

"Neighborhood Cell Towers & Antennas—Do They Impact a Property's Desirability?" initiated June 2, 2014, has now been completed by 1,000 respondents as of June 28, 2014. The survey, which circulated online through email and social networking sites, in both the U.S. and abroad, sought to determine if nearby cell towers and antennas, or wireless antennas placed on top of or on the side of a building, would impact a home buyer's or renter's interest in a real estate property.

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The overwhelming majority of respondents (94%) reported that cell towers and antennas in a neighborhood or on a building would impact interest in a property and the price they would be willing to pay for it. And 79% said under no circumstances would they ever purchase or rent a property within a few blocks of a cell tower or antenna.

- 94% said a nearby cell tower or group of antennas would negatively impact interest in a property or the price they would be willing to pay for it.
- 94% said a cell tower or group of antennas on top of, or attached to, an apartment building
 would negatively impact interest in the apartment building or the price they would be willing
 to pay for it.
- 95% said they would opt to buy or rent a property that had zero antennas on the building over a comparable property that had several antennas on the building.
- 79% said under no circumstances would they ever purchase or rent a property within a few blocks of a cell tower or antennas.
- 88% said that <u>under no circumstances would they ever purchase or rent a property with a cell</u> tower or group of antennas on top of, or attached to, the apartment building.
- 89% said they were generally concerned about the increasing number of cell towers and antennas in their residential neighborhood.

The National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy (NISLAPP) was curious if respondents had previous experience with physical or cognitive effects of wireless radiation, or if their concern about neighborhood antennas was unrelated to personal experience with the radiation. Of the 1,000 respondents, 57% had previously experienced cognitive effects from radiation emitted by a cell phone, wireless router, portable phone, utility smart meter, or neighborhood antenna or cell tower, and 43% had not experienced cognitive effects. 63% of respondents had previously experienced physical effects from these devices or neighborhood towers and antennas and 37% had not

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experienced physical effects.

The majority of respondents provided contact information indicating they would like to receive the results of this survey or news related to the possible connection between neighborhood cell towers and antennas and real estate decisions.

Comments from real estate brokers who completed the NISLAPP survey:

"I am a real estate broker in NYC. I sold a townhouse that had a cell tower attached. Many potential buyers chose to avoid purchasing the property because of it. There was a long lease."

"I own several properties in Santa Fe, NM and believe me, I have taken care not to buy near cell towers. Most of these are rental properties and I think I would have a harder time renting those units... were a cell tower or antenna nearby. Though I have not noticed any negative health effects myself, I know many people are affected. And in addition, these antennas and towers are often extremely ugly—despite the attempt in our town of hiding them as chimneys or fake trees."

"We are home owners and real estate investors in Marin County and have been for the last 25 years. We own homes and apartment building here in Marin. We would not think of investing in real estate that would harm our tenants. All our properties are free of smart meters. Thank you for all of your work."

"I'm a realtor. I've never had a single complaint about cell phone antennae. Electric poles, on the other hand, are a huge problem for buyers."

Concern was expressed in the comments section by respondents about potential property valuation declines near antennas and cell towers. While the NISLAPP survey did not evaluate property price declines, a study on this subject by Sandy Bond, PhD of the New Zealand Property Institute, and Past President of the Pacific Rim Real Estate Society (PRRES), The Impact of Cell Phone Towers on House Prices in Residential Neighborhoods, was published in The Appraisal Journal of the Appraisal Institute in 2006. The Appraisal Institute is the largest global professional organization for appraisers with 91 chapters. The study indicated that homebuyers would pay from 10%–19% less to over 20% less for a property if it were in close proximity to a cell phone base station. The 'opinion' survey results were then confirmed by a market sales analysis. The results of the sales analysis showed prices of properties were reduced by around 21% after a cell phone base station was built in the neighborhood."

The Appraisal Journal study added,

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"Even buyers who believe that there are no adverse health effects from cell phone base stations, knowing that other potential buyers might think the reverse, will probably seek a price discount for a property located near a cell phone base station."

James S. Turner, Esq., Chairman of the National Institute for Science, Law & Public Policy and Partner, Swankin & Turner in Washington, D.C., says,

"The recent NISLAPP survey suggests there is now a high level of awareness about potential risks from cell towers and antennas. In addition, the survey indicates respondents believe they have personally experienced cognitive (57%) or physical (63%) effects from radiofrequency radiation from towers, antennas or other radiating devices, such as cell phones, routers, smart meters and other consumer electronics. Almost 90% are concerned about the increasing number of cell towers and antennas generally. A study of real estate sales prices would be beneficial at this time in the Unites States to determine what discounts homebuyers are currently placing on properties near cell towers and antennas."

Betsy Lehrfeld, Esq., an attorney and Executive Director of NISLAPP, says,

"The proliferation of this irradiating infrastructure throughout our country would never have occurred in the first place had Section 704 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 not prohibited state and local governments from regulating the placement of wireless facilities on health or environmental grounds. The federal preemption leaves us in a situation today where Americans are clearly concerned about risks from antennas and towers, some face cognitive and physical health consequences, yet they and their families increasingly have no choice but to endure these exposures, while watching their real property valuations decline."

The National Institute for Science, Law, and Public Policy (NISLAPP) in Washington, D.C. was founded in 1978 to bridge the gap between scientific uncertainties and the need for laws protecting public health and safety. Its overriding objective is to bring practitioners of science and law together to develop intelligent policy that best serves all interested parties in a given controversy. Its focus is on the points at which these two disciplines converge.

NISLAPP contact: James S. Turner, Esq. (202) 462-8800 / jim@swankin-turner.com Emily Roberson er79000@yahoo.com

If you can support NISLAPP's work, please donate here:

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April 21, 2016 Community Development Agency County of EL Dorado 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, Ca. 95667

RECEIVED PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Attn: Aaron Mount, Associate Planner S15-0001/Swansboro Verizon Cellular Tower

Since the onset, planning the Verizon Swansboro Cell tower there has been much hesitation and procrastination on the part of Verizon to put this tower in the National Forest. Looking at all that has occurred since the onset of our information concerning this tower it has become our opinion that Verizon would rather put this tower in a residential area of retired citizens on a dead end road than in the National Forest. A dead end road where we could be trapped if a fire or any other disaster should occur from this tower. There is documented proof that cell towers fall, cause fire, explode, etc..

GOVERNMENT MANDATES THIS TOWER, PUT IT ON GOVERNMENT LAND.

CASE IN POINT:

Aug. 13, 2015 Planning Commission Hearing Audio.

1 hour and 40 min. into the audio tape conversation:

Planning commission said:

Looking at the map these places could be evaluated north and along Rock Creek Rd.

Current Alternative site analysis: Page 2 of the Project Support Statement, Revised dated: 2/5/16. It looks to us like Verizon totally ignored this planning commissions request to evaluate any alternative sites north and along Rock Creek Rd.

Exhibit A:

Photo of one of several perfect places to put a cell tower in the National Forest off Rock Creek Rd. Estimated power source in our estimation is less that 1000ft. (understand we are not trained to figure this out exactly) This is not a remote and inaccessible area. Forest road all the way to this site.

WIN/WIN

- 1. The site in exhibit A is on government land.
- 2. The site in exhibit A would not trap ELDERLY RETIRED persons on a dead end road if a disaster should occur from this tower.
- 3. US Forest Service could collect lease monies from Verizon.

Exhibit B:

Page page 184 (190 of 553 PDF) taken from FY **2016 budget justification USDA Forest Service**

http://www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/media/2015/07/fy2016-budgetjustification-update-four.pdf

We may be wrong on this point, but to us exhibit B reads that it is not as difficult to put a cell tower in the forest as we have been led to believe.

Sincerely,

100% of the home/property owners on the upper part of One Eye Creek Rd. that have recorded deeded access rights to On Eye Creek Rd..

Richard Wanner....Retired

Larry Webb

Tony Webb

Marty Desmond....Retired

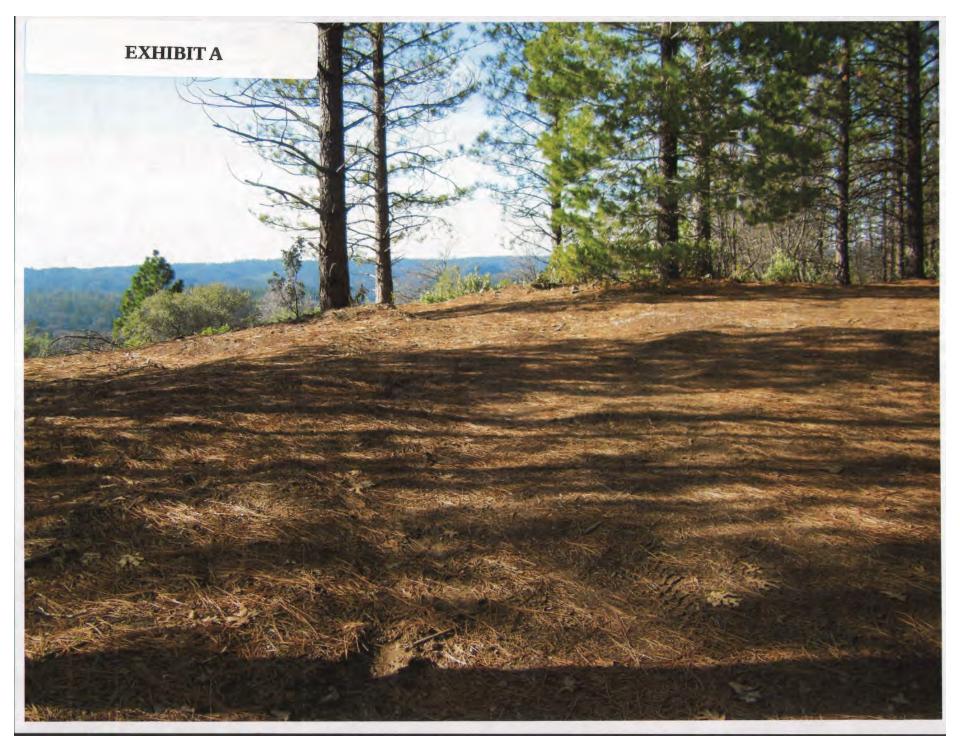
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Don Wagner.....Retired

Loretta Webb......Retired

Victor Webb......Retired





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Landownership Management

Budget Line Item	Landownership Management (dollars in thousands)				
	Landownership Management				
Annual Appropriations	\$77,730	\$77,730	\$71,601	-\$6,129	-8%
Landownership Management Total	77,730	77,730	71,601	-6,129	-8%
Annual Appropriations FTEs	560	560	592	32	6%
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	560	560	592	32	6%
Landownership Management					
Adjust Land Ownership	14,769	14,769	13,605	-1,164	-8%
Protect Land Ownership Title	7,773	7,773	7,160	-613	-8%
Locate Land Boundaries	22,542	22,542	20,765	-1,777	-8%
Administer Energy, Communication and Land Use					
Authorizations	21,764	21,764	20,047	-1,717	-8%
Process Land Use Proposals	10,882	10,882	10,024	-858	-8%

Performance Measure	Accomplishment and Targets (1)					
	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Target	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Target	FY 2016 Target
Landownership Management						
Acres of land adjustments to conserve the integrity of undeveloped lands and habitat quality	26,330	23,566	22,860	7,383	16,816	7,500
Number of land use authorizations administered to standard	17,735	28,887	12,500	19,236	19,000	17,600
Number of land use proposals and applications processed	4,339	4,047	3,500	4,310	4,310	4,000
Miles of landownership boundary line marked/maintained to standard	3,862	2,322	2,707	2,377	2,400	2,070

⁽¹⁾ The Past Performance narrative below provides detailed information on aspects of program management, strategies, and/or improvements in relation to the accomplishments associated with the performance measures.

FY 2016 Program Changes

The President's FY 2016 Budget includes \$71,601,000 for Landownership Management, a decrease of \$6,129,000 from the FY 2015 Enacted Budget. These funds will support the real estate aspects of the restoration of resilient ecosystems, maintenance and expansion of access to public lands, and support for economic and infrastructure development for communities. Special emphases include facilitating the development of energy transmission infrastructure and communications sites in an environmentally responsible manner.

The Landownership Management program will lay the foundation for all natural resource management activities by surveying and locating public lands; maintaining all records associated with public ownership; granting authorizations for the use and development of National Forest System (NFS) lands for communication sites, energy transmission corridors, community and agricultural water supplies, and roads and highways; and protecting the NFS from

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April 21, 2016 Community Development Agency County of EL Dorado 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, Ca. 95667

RECEIVED

Attn: Aaron Mount, Associate Planner S15-0001/Swansboro Verizon Cellular Tower

We are told that this generator is as quiet as a dishwasher. Sound carries and is very loud on this hill. We can hear our neighbors on a hill quite a distance away talk on their phones if they are outside.

We loose power quite frequently in Mosquito as the power lines are old and run across canyons wind blows, trees fall etc. when the power is out it is usually out at night. In consideration of out neighbors we turn our generators off around 9 pm when we have to use them. The generator on a cell tower will run the whole time the power is out. We were told that maybe Verizon could use batteries instead of a generator.

Some summer days the temperature in Mosquito gets over 100 degrees. We get dry lightening that causes power outages. We have our doubts that batteries would the job.

Our concern is: What would happen if in the future Verizon comes back to the planning commission with an application for a generator crying 000hhh we have so much invested in this complex. Our customers need this.

Our concerns come out of the conversations we have heard at these hearings.

We are requesting that if this commission is considering issuing a Special Use Permit for this tower Verizon would have to bring a generator of the same magnitude to the proposed site, run it in the evening and test the sound in the bedroom of the two homes closest to the tower and listen. After a permit is issued and the tower is built it is to late to do anything about it.

It might be a little easier to sell our homes if there is not a noise problem as we would need to list this on a disclosure form.

This issue is causing us a lot of stress. It is a fact that thieves steal copper and gas. 135 gal. Gas tank is a lot of gas. We are on a dead end road that would take the sheriff at least 40 min. to get out here if they leave as soon as they are called. We take our dogs out after dark to do their business before bedtime. Two residents

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RECEIVED PLANNING DEPARTMENT

April 20, 2016

To: James Williams,

County of El Dorado

Planning Commission

Hi James,

As per your recent visit with my Sister, Loretta and I this is the Google Earth map you requested that I do to show distances between various points that we looked at in the forest for possible alternate sites for the Verizon Tower. The lines of distance would not print out from the map so I had to draw them in. These are, of course, approximate but I did the best I could. The following chart might help to clarify the map.

Current tower site to The Point is 1240 Feet.

Power supply from the house at 3247 One Eye Creek Road to The Point is 445 Feet.

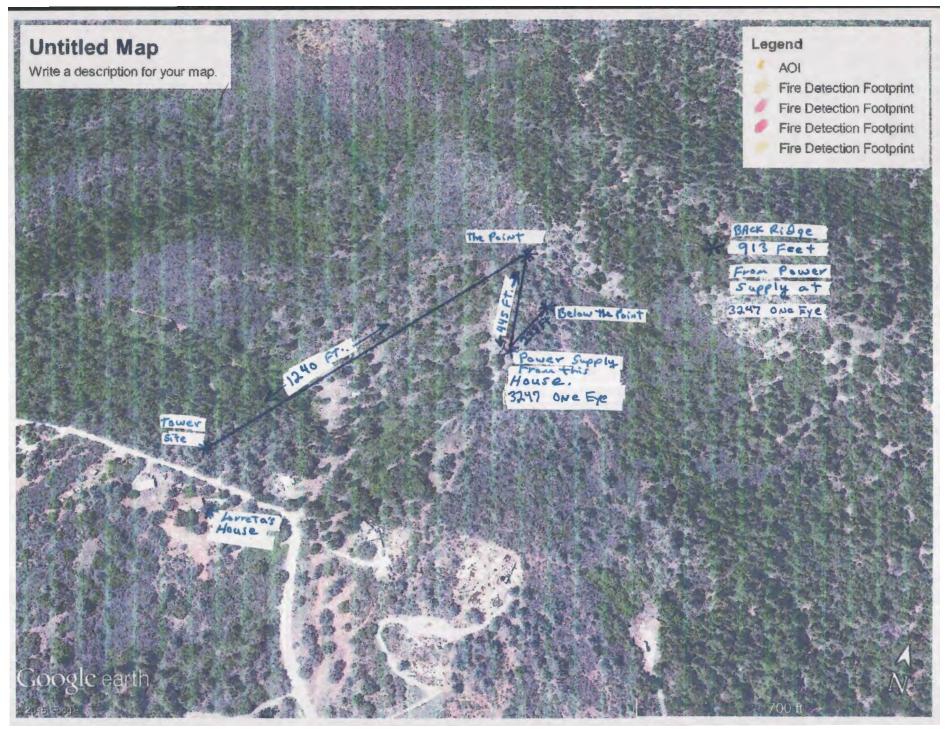
The distance from that same power supply to just below The Point where we walked and Loretta stayed behind is 238 feet.

The distance from the power supply to the back ridge where you asked if I could do this map is 913 feet.

I don't know if all this will be of any use but this is the information if it is ever needed.

Thanks very much,

RICH WANNER



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