

EIR:-This project needs an Environmental Impact Report. The Negative Declaration did not contain a biological and botanical field survey, which is needed prior to commencement of any activities that may modify vegetation (clearing, mowing or ground breaking)

AESTHETICS:-Mendocino County's Wireless Guidelines states: "wireless communications facilities shall be sited and designed to minimize adverse impacts on communities, vistas and natural resources" and are to be designed to "protect and promote...the aesthetic quality of the county". Sect. C(2)(b) states that "communication facilities should result in a minimal visual impact for those residents in the immediate area..." This facility would dominate the surrounding treeline and would pose a detriment to the peace, comfort and general welfare of persons residing in the neighborhood.

-This communication facility could have a significant negative effect on property values.

SAFETY:- For many people, EMF and Microwave Radiation concerns are of utmost importance. The FCC is a captured agency which has ruled that cell tower projects cannot be rejected based on EMF/Radio Frequency and Microwave concerns, even though the FCC has refused to study this issue and update its guidelines in the past 25+ years. The public may comment with these concerns, however since these concerns may not be a reason for project denial, we advise weighting your comments towards other and additional concerns.

- The site is in a very high fire hazard area with dying Pine trees and an active seismic zone. Electrical equipment and antenna towers attract lightning.

-Facility site access roads are not adequate to ensure public safety transport in an emergency.

OTHER BROADBAND OPTIONS:- Communication plans for Mendocino County must expand use of underground fiber-optic cables, which are already in place in this area.

-Other providers: Verizon and ViaSat and US Cellular function with 4G LTE service on Pine Mountain.

- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Mendocino County Guidelines advise that affected communities should be included in decisions such as cell towers in their neighborhoods. The county chose not to involve this community, and proceeded with studying and promoting this project without local neighborhood involvement and input. We would like to insist that the County make significant efforts to fully notify neighborhoods BEFORE large and controversial projects such as cell towers move forward in our county.