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To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
Subject: cel tower
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Hello , I am a resident right next to the proposed cel tower site.I am writing to voice my strenuous objection to placing the tower in that location. I have researched the negative effects of living in close proximity to these towers . I certainly don't want my family to be exposed to the potential health risks. I must insist that a different location be found for this project. Than you, Tracy Hughes

The Miller Road Community

Aleena Church, Assistant Planner
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Regarding: Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on APN 062-180-031-000 located at 22044 Purdon Road in Nevada City, Ca

File PLN25-0133; CUP25-0009; EIS25-0001

Dear Alenna Church,

We are writing to formally oppose the proposed communication tower on APN 062-180-031-000 located at 22044 Purdon Road in Nevada City, Ca. This proposal is inconsistent with the current character of our community and presents multiple risks, including decreased property values, increased fire hazards, introduction of industrial noise from a generator, light pollution, wildlife hazard, potential increased traffic for maintenance and destruction of current aesthetic value. The building of this planned communication tower will destroy our peaceful community.

While this area is not densely populated, it is home to a dedicated, vibrant community deeply committed to living in harmony with nature. The proposed communication tower threatens to destroy the eco-conscious, tranquil community we have carefully cultivated over the years. The property owner, Daniel Jarboe, is a new resident and may not realize how out of step with the community a communication tower would be.

The zoning of the surrounding land as open space, agricultural and forest aims to protect natural resources, encourage low-intensity development, and manage forest land in conjunction with agriculture. The surrounding parcels are OS, FR-40, AG-20 AG-40, zoning designed to preserve and protect natural, undeveloped land, habitats, and near by state park land. Development should be restricted to maintain environmental, aesthetic, and public health benefits.

The value of this land lies in its tranquility. Our community is dedicated to preserving wildlife, and the scenic beauty of our surroundings. A communications tower would fundamentally destroy this ecological haven, crashing the property values that are predicated on peace and nature.

We have outlined below our primary objections to the communication tower being built:

DESTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY

The proposed structure disrupts the character, aesthetic, and social cohesion of our neighborhood.

- Visual Pollution: The tower will be an industrial blight, that ruins the scenic beauty, tranquility, and character of the area.
- Irreconcilable Land Use: A communication tower is inappropriate for this rural zone.
- Loss of Community Character: The tower is a symbol of urban encroachment that breaks the sense of a rural community.
- Property devaluation

FIRE DANGER

There are legitimate concerns about communication towers, both catching fire spontaneously due to an electrical or mechanical failure, and also increased vulnerability of communication towers to fail in a fire due to damage or loss of power, especially in our high fire danger area. There are well documented fires, collapse, falling debris, and other dangers caused by communication tower accidents. Communication towers pose significant risks and hazards due to their combination of high-powered electrical equipment, backup batteries, and densely packed electronics and near by stores of gasoline. All communication towers are electrical devices and can catch fire. As electrical fires they cannot be put out by water directly due to the risk of electrocution.

RISKS TO WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Communication towers pose risks to wildlife primarily through two mechanisms: physical hazards, such as collisions, and potential physiological and behavioral disruption caused by radiofrequency (RF) radiation

Communication towers, particularly tall, guy-wired, and lighted structures, present a significant collision risk to birds and bats, especially nocturnal species.

- Guy Wires: These support cables are often difficult for birds to see, leading to fatal collisions, particularly during night flights or inclement weather.
- Lighting: Lights can attract and disorient migrating birds, causing them to aggregate and circle the tower, where they may collide with the structure or die from exhaustion.
- Location: Towers located in or near migratory flight corridors and along ridge lines pose great danger.
- Disrupted Orientation and Migration: Many species, including birds and bees rely on the Earth's natural magnetic fields for navigation (magnetoreception). Anthropogenic RF fields can interfere with this natural compass, leading to disorientation, impaired foraging, and an inability to return to nests or dens.

- **Reproductive and Developmental Issues:** Studies have reported decreased reproduction rates, altered embryonic development, reduced egg laying in birds and insects, and increased mortality in tadpoles exposed to radiation from phone masts.
- **Behavioral and Physiological Changes:** Research indicates impacts such as increased stress, altered metabolism, suppressed immune responses, and changes in behavior (e.g., aggression, decreased appetite, hyperactivity) in various animals and livestock exposed to RF radiation.
- **Impact on Insects and Pollinators:** Insects, particularly bees, are highly vulnerable to RF radiation, which may contribute to colony collapse disorder. The higher frequencies used in 5G networks may be especially harmful to insects due to their small size, leading to increased radiation absorption and potential heating effects.
- **Damage to Flora:** Long-term field studies have found damage to trees located near cell towers, with symptoms like leaf loss, bark damage, and stunted growth observed on the side of the tree facing the antenna.

Current U.S. exposure guidelines were designed for humans based on short-term heating effects and do not adequately protect wildlife from long-term, low-level exposures or non-thermal biological effects. Scientists and environmental groups are calling for new, specific regulations and environmental impact reviews to protect flora and fauna.

VISUAL/LIGHT POLLUTION

The lighting for the tower will disrupt night skies, and disruption to wildlife.

- **Visual Pollution:** Towers can be considered "eyesores" that degrade scenic corridors and residential views, particularly when they feature bright lighting.
- **Safety and Health:** Intense tower lights can cause "night blindness" for drivers and pedestrians and disrupt sleep patterns for nearby residents.
- **Environmental Impact:** Artificial light from towers disorients wildlife, including migrating birds.

NOISE POLLUTION

- **Disturbance of Quiet Enjoyment:** The tower will bring noise, traffic, and strangers (maintenance crews) into a quiet, peaceful neighborhood..
- **Diesel engines** produce a low-frequency rumble that can carry further and feel more "intrusive" than higher-pitched gas generators. Sound travels incredibly well in the surrounding area, and when in operation the generator will be a great disturbance to the peace of the area.

We trust that the significant community opposition will guide your decision-making process, leading to the rejection of this communication tower, thereby upholding trust in our local government.

Regards,

Residents of Miller Road

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From: [deborah swan](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
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Hello , I am a landowner on Purdon Rd. On Gray Lane below the proposed cell tower. I strongly encourage you to Vote No on going forward with this as it has to many questionable impact's on our community... health to immediate people that dwell within it's range... My biggest personal concern is the increased commercial traffic to manage it along with fuel deliveries to it's generator store's... Purdon is already greatly impacted by the traffic from South Yuba State Park. It is 1 lane and overgrown . The heightened fire risk of a commercial project is too much for a community burdened with clearing properties in a high risk fire area..

Please say no to this too quickly and unthoughtful project.

Deborah Swan 13036 Gray lane.

From: [Paul Steege](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
Subject: Proposed cell tower at 22044 Purdon Road, Nevada City
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Dear Ms. Church—

I am writing in regards to the proposed communications tower on APN 062-180-031-000 (22044 Purdon Road, Nevada City). I live at 13694 Miller Road, Nevada City—approximately 1000 ft from the site of the proposed tower. Although I understand the need/desire for expanded cell coverage throughout the County, particularly on the San Juan Ridge, the proposed siting of this tower has a number of problems, all of which are related to the fact that it would be too close to homes. My main concerns are the following:

- Visual: the tower itself would be an eyesore as would the fencing enclosing it.
- Property values are adversely affected by the addition of cell towers to a neighborhood.
- Fire risk: fires caused by lithium ion batteries, which are part of these installations, are extremely difficult to extinguish.
- Light pollution is an annoyance to people living nearby and harmful to many species of wildlife.
- Adverse health effects related to EMF radiation. Many people are sensitive to the radiation emitted by cell towers.

For all of the above reasons, I urge you and your fellow planners to deny the permit for this tower. There are more suitable locations away from homes.

Thank you for your consideration,
Paul Steege
13694 Miller Road
Nevada City

From: [Caitlin Atkinson](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
Subject: Proposed communication tower on APN 062-180-031-000 located at 22044 Purdon Road
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Dear Aleena Church,

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the proposed communication tower on APN 062-180-031-000 located at 22044 Purdon Road in Nevada City, Ca.

Having grown up in this neighborhood, I have long valued the peace and beauty of the surrounding open spaces, agricultural land and forested state park. This proposed development would irrecoverably alter the setting and neighborhood. The very reason most of the people that live in the surrounding area is because they value the character of the neighborhood—the aesthetic, the ecological support, a tower would this rural community.

This is an entry point to a prominent state park, the Yuba river and Purdon crossing is a destination, and the beauty of the surrounding area should be kept for visitors and locals alike. Installing a communication tower will degrade the visual integrity of the river canyon gateway and disrupt the established character of our residential community.

Both my uncle and mother live on neighboring parcels, they are in their 80's and their land will be passed on. I worry that when this happens the value of the land will be severely degraded by the communication tower. It will severely decrease the value of property, both for any kind of sale, but also for my own personal enjoyment of the land.

I also worry for surrounding wildlife, especially migrating birds, bees and bats, we have many ponds and wetlands in surround parcels. The actual tower itself can cause an increase in deaths due to collisions and the behavior and physiological state of the animals can be severely effected by the radiofrequency radiation. While deemed safe for humans, it is not safe for the birds, bees and bats. The lights are also disruptive to animals, as well as humans.

I am also concerned about the increased risk of fire danger, there have been a number of towers that have had issues and started fires in the past. In a fire-wise community, where fire is a top concern this is a real danger. Also, in the event that there is a fire the risk of spreading or increasing that fire from the storage of gas, and tower itself in much higher.

In addition the diesel generator is going to create noise pollution. This is a location that frequently loses power, both in winter and in summer(when it has been cut due to fire danger.) The noise of the generator will travel far, sound carries incredibly well in the hills that surround the proposed location.

I hope that the county sees the value in the community and land, in people and wildlife who live in the area and rejects this proposed tower.

Kind regards,

Caitlin Atkinson

Caitlin Atkinson

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From: [Juan Hughes](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
Subject: Proposed Verizon cell tower at 22044 Purdon Rd Nevada City
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Hello Aleena, my name is Juan Hughes & I live at 13650 Murphy Rd, Nevada City, a property right next to 22044 Purdon Rd.

I received a notice from the county regarding this project, I am greatly concerned & frankly very much against having a cellphone tower so close to my home, I am certain there are other locations where Verizon could install a tower in the vicinity without having to be so close to people's residences. I go through great lengths to live away from such disruptive technology & having a tower installed right next to my home is something I really do not want. I urge the planning department to look for an alternate location for this tower that is not so close to people's homes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Juan Hughes

From: [Julie Bottini](#)
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I'm writing to express my concern for the proposed Verizon tower installation on Purdon Road on the San Juan Ridge. My home of 37 years is located directly across the road from the proposed site.

I have two concerns regarding this installation.

First is my concern for the degradation of the character of the neighborhood/community that those of us who live here are rooted in and who consider this area our sanctuary. We are a diverse community, families with kids, artisans, professional people, retired people. Some have lived here many, many years and some are relative newcomers. But we all have in common our love for the serenity and purity of the forest that our homes are situated within. We are a community that works together to create a peaceful, supportive neighbor network for each other and work hard within our network to create a Firewise Community.

Miller Road, adjoining Purdon Road at the site of the proposed tower, is part of the Montezuma Ridge fuel break and we work hard to keep it that way. The area is included in the larger Yuba Rim fuel break and we have received a grant to work with the county to clean up and maintain the roadside along Purdon, creating a 30 ft clearance along each side of the road, to permit safe evacuation in case of fire. A cell tower amidst all this seems to be incongruous with the efforts to maximize fire resilience and would be considered by all in the neighborhood a source of concern as a potential fire ignition point.

As a property owner within 1000 ft of this proposed project, I have concerns regarding the studies and stories we have all seen about the negative health affects that those residing in the 1000 ft zone around these towers have experienced or may experience in future.

I also have concerns for the degradation of the area, with the iinstallation of this tower. An industrial scale installation, right in the middle of a quiet, rural neighborhood will contribute to visual pollution, sound and light pollution. And as Realtor, i know all too well how these types of installations diminish the property values of the homes surrounding them.

I'm all for improving communication infrastructure in rural areas and would welcome increased cell capability in my community. But at the risk of sounding "not in my neighborhood" I would like to request, that if this project is "inevitable" and will go forward, that a less impactful location be found, rather than at the hub of this rural neighborhood.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my concerns and those of my neighbors regarding this

negatively impactful proposal for our home.

Julie Bottini

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Hello Aleena

Attached is a petition letter signed by neighbors of the proposed tower. The signature page of those signing it. And a copy of the online signatures for the same letter. The letter/ petition is attached as a pdf file here.

Thank you.

Nels Atkinson

(530)913-0399

Purdon Road resident



Summary



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Petition Signatures PDF

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Dear Alenna Church.

I am writing to oppose the proposed communication tower (Mono Tower) that would be located at 22044 Purdon Rd. I live at 13694 Miller Road which is the road that is directly located across from where the cell tower is being proposed.

My house is 1000 ft. away as the crow flies. The tower is going to be situated 150 ft off the corner of the land that is directly across from Miller Rd. This could make leaving our road in a fire impassable with no way out. The planned location is only 1 mile from the Yuba River where many river enthusiasts go each day in the summer. In the event of a forest fire having lithium batteries and 1000 gallons storage tank of gas will increase the intensity of fire.

Having lived in this community I know that more cell coverage is needed but that being said I feel that erecting this tower on Purdon Road close to where people live has many problems that this tower will bring which includes:

1. Visually it will disrupt the natural beauty of our neighborhood. A mono tree looks nothing like a real pine. It will dominate the visual landscape.
2. Property values will be affected by the presence of a cell tower.
3. Risk of fire by lithium batteries, electrical equipment and the generators 1000 gal. gas storage tank.

4. Risk to wildlife through physical hazards & behavioral disruption from RF radiation.

5. Light pollution to people living near by and for wildlife can disorienting.

6. Noise pollution when the electricity goes off the generator will be running.

7. Adverse health effects related to EMF radiation. Many people have reported having ill effects and even have had to relocate because of it.

8. Access to Purdon Road if a fire were to start by the tower we may be trapped from leaving.

For all of the above reasons, I urge you and your fellow planners to deny the permit for this tower. There are more suitable locations away from homes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tina Tesene

From: [Karri Knowles](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
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Hello Aleena,
I'm writing regarding the following location APN [062-180-031-000](#) located at 22044 Purdon Road in Nevada City, Ca.

A handful of residents in this area were just made aware of this project and we are all wanting a different site for a cell tower.

Many are still unaware and we are working to inform everyone so we all have a chance to voice our opinion, the remaining two weeks barely gives us time to even digest this information let alone take steps to inform our community.

This is a densely populated area with homes in direct sight of the tower as well as even more homes that can hear any operating sounds, effected by lighting, as well as others inline with the 3 signal arms that point out from it. Additionally this proposed site is next to a populated road and will be seen daily by everyone. We are also extremely concerned about fire danger, sound and light pollution.

This is perceived as a major threat to our rural lifestyle, community and property value.

We request an extension of time for input.

We also request information and calender for all public forums that we can attend to learn more and to have opportunities to object.

* Additionally i have an important question regarding the property of the proposed location. If structures on said property are unpermitted and the county was imformed of that and followed through in investigating this issue, would Verizon be unable to build on the property with the unpermitted and or red tagged structures?

We greatly appreciate you taking the time to reply to this letter as soon as possible.

~Karri Knowles

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Nels Atkinson](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
Subject: unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on APN 062-180-031-000 located at 22044 Purdon Road in Nevada City, Ca File PLN25-0133; CUP25-0009; EIS25-0001
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I am directly adjoining neighbor of the proposed site, our property is 4th generation agricultural land. It's value is in its aesthetic appeal, it's historical character, on a major route to the Yuba River state park. There is no compensation proposed for our community and property value. We are not opposed to cell towers in general but feel there must be better locations.

Thank you
Nels Atkinson
Purdon Rd Nevada city
(530)913-0399

From: [Echeri Hughes](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
Subject: Verizon cellphone tower
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Hello, my name is Paola Echeri Hughes Castillo I live at 13650 Murphy Road Nevada City California 95959. I am opposed to the Verizon cellphone tower that's proposed for 22044 Purdon Rd. Nevada City. Please we do not want a cellphone tower near our homes. The radiation is not good for our environment. Please don't build it.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [iururi.hughes](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
Subject: Verizon cellphone tower project
Date: Monday, April 6, 2026 10:28:29 PM

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Dear Aleena,

My name is Iururi Hughes, and I am a part-owner of the property located at 13650 Murphy Rd, Nevada City, which is adjacent to 22044 Purdon Rd.

I am writing regarding the county notice we received concerning the proposed Verizon cellphone tower project. I strongly oppose the installation of a cellphone tower so close to my residence. I find this technology to be highly disruptive, and avoiding such infrastructure is a primary reason I choose to live in a rural area.

I am certain there are alternative locations where Verizon could install this tower without impacting residential properties. I urge the planning department to consider these alternatives and select a location further away from our homes.

Thank you,

Iururi Hughes

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ana](#)
To: [Aleena Church \(CDA\)](#)
Subject: Verizon Tower
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To: Aleena Church, Assistant Planner

Hi Aleena, my Name Is Ana Hughes, I live at 13650 Murphy Rd Nevada City CA, My husband's family owns the property, we are immediate neighbors from the address where they want to install the Verizon Tower at 22044 Purdon Rd Nevada City CA. It is very unfortunate that something like this is happening in our neighborhood. I have chosen to live far away from town to avoid this type of circumstances; I don't care about having poor phone service, every night we turn our WFI off to have a better sleep, five thay per week I sacrifice time and money on gas driving back and forth to go to work in Grass Valley to live in the peaceful countryside, away from EMFs. So having a cellphone tower next to my house defeats the purpose. And I'm also very concerned that it will affect the property value.

Is not fair that this new neighbor whose values clearly don't align with a lot of other neighbors' values has made this poor choice in allowing these corporations to creep into our lives not only causing all types of ailments in humans but also affecting all the living creatures in the forest. There's a lot of scientific research about all the damage that is caused to all the people living close to cell phone Towers, this is serious and is up to Us the people to stop these companies from doing this to any living creatures.

Here is a paragraph from environmental health trust :

[Biological Effects from Exposure to Electromagnetic Radiation Emittted by Cell Tower Base Stations and Other Antenna Arrays](#), Levitt & Lai, Environmental Reviews, 2010

- This review of 100 studies found approximately 80% showed biological effects near towers. “Both anecdotal reports and some epidemiology studies have found headaches, skin rashes, sleep disturbances, depression, decreased libido, increased rates of suicide, concentration problems, dizziness, memory changes, increased risk of cancer, tremors, and other neurophysiological effects in populations near base stations.”

LINK TO FULL ARTICLE

<https://ehtrust.org/cell-towers-and-cell-antennae/compilation-of-research-studies-on-cell-tower-radiation-and-health/>

Please take this in consideration when reviewing the petition. Kinds regards Ana Hughes

April 15, 2026

Aleena Church
Nevada County Planning Department
950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170
Nevada City, CA 95959

Ref: Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on APN 062-180-031-000 located at 22044 Purdon Road in Nevada City, Ca

Dear Ms. Church,

We are writing to express our opposition to granting a conditional use permit for construction of a telecommunications tower at 22044 Purdon Road, Nevada City. We own property located about 3/4 of a mile from the proposed tower. Our opposition is based on the following:

- A telecommunications tower is incompatible with the character of the community and is not wanted by us or by our neighbors on that part of the Ridge.
- The tower will increase the risk of wildfire due to electrical malfunction, and should such a fire start, the tower's location near the junction of Purdon Road and Miller Road would threaten the only escape route for local residents.
- The lights and cables on the tower may be disorienting or present obstacles for birds and other animals.
- The open issue about the potential harmful impacts of electromagnetic radiation on the health of people living near the tower and on the health of local flora and fauna presents an unacceptable degree of risk. Alternative locations more distant from homes and roads should be considered.
- The noise and light pollution from the tower will have a negative impact on our rural community.
- Most, if not all, of the people affected by the tower are willing to forego the potential communications benefits from the tower.

Please include this letter in the planning departments consideration of this matter.

Regards,

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