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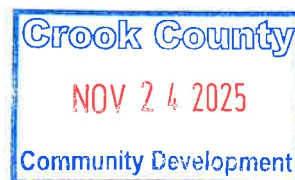
Crook County Planning Department
300 NE 3rd St. Room 12
Prineville, OR 97754

RE: Record No. 217-000293 (proposed telecommunications facility)

Dear Crook County Planning Department,

This is in response to our objection to the land use application under Record No. 217-25-000293 (proposed telecommunications facility) providing wireless cell service in an EFU zone to the north end of Powell Butte.

By way of introduction, we are Ken and Jan Werth and our property adjoins the proposed facility site. My husband moved to the area at the age of 10 in 1949, attended Powell Butte School and Redmond High School and in the process helped his father Fred farm. Fred died with ALS when Ken was 19. Ken graduated from Oregon State University in 1959 with a degree in agriculture. Over the years he has been a steward of the land acquiring property in 1966 for our home place and parcels at the south end of Powell Butte. We were in partnership with Jim and Carol Wampler, Ken's sister and brother-in-law, who both passed away in 2012. I married Ken in 1976 and lived in the area for over 45 years. In 2020 Ken and I became Idaho residents and moved to Boise permanently in 2021 to be closer to our son Randy Werth and daughter Tish Davis for health reasons.



With respect to the current proposed site, we can't in all good conscience support this project. There is no problem with wireless service at the north end of Powell Butte since we had friends and business in that area with whom we kept in contact, nor was our cell service an issue. Aside from being proposed for installation in an EFU zone, its current proposed site has been actively farmed for years. It affects the surrounding property owners and potentially devalues their eventual sales, would spoil a clean view of the area, and in general destroy the bucolic nature of an active farming community. The reservoir south of the proposed site is also actively used for religious services during the year, for example, the Easter Sunrise Service.

And, in complete disclosure, although we are now nonresidents of the area, we still own 126 acres of land, which is our inheritance to our children. One parcel is farmed by our neighbor, and the largest parcel is irrigated by and provides grazing for another neighbor's cattle.

Given the vacant land to the north and east surrounding the Powell Butte area as well as the top of the butte where current cell towers already exist the proposed facility could be situated in a more propitious location thus, preserving the overall area as it currently remains because no matter how you attempt to camouflage the tower it will not blend into the surrounding area in this EFU zone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ken and Jan Werth

