

**From:** [Tamara J Lawson](#)  
**To:** [Gardner, Peter B](#)  
**Subject:** Docket SU-19-02 (Bechtel Killion)  
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**Importance:** High

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Hoping it isn't too late to prevent the obliteration of our beautiful valley view with this tower. Bad enough we have a pecan orchard going to block our view and adversely affect our water supply. But adding this tower? Please.

Don't further destroy our wide open spaces. There are not that many left...

Tamara J Lawson  
Hideout Ranch

To: Peter Gardner, Planner II  
Cochise County Planning Department  
Melody Lane, Building C  
Bisbee, AZ 85603

To Mr. Gardner and Whomever Else This May Concern:

Since this letter will be part of the public record, we would like to acknowledge the justice, though meager, of not deleting our thoughts for posterity within an otherwise very grievous cell-tower permitting process. The idea that we will have our arguments written down could be profound when the nation joins the world community in holding accountable those who knew the dangers of cell tower radiation and did nothing.

We would also like to acknowledge the forthrightness of Mr. Peter Gardner, his impartiality (as opposed to his being openly biased against our concerns), and his good humor.

**NO, WE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS PERMIT REQUEST:**

## **I. Background Information on Land Owners Near Proposed Tower**

### **A. Cochise County As Refuge**

My wife Juvy and I moved to this location, 11347 N. Eagle Ridge Trail, on July 3, 2004. While we built our home, I slept in my car for eight-and-a-half years while struggling with Environmental Illness, specifically Multiple Chemical Sensitivity and Electrical Hypersensitivity (EHS). By 2011, my health had improved enough to where I could live in our house, a home without electrical power.

I live with some degree of headache pain on a daily basis. Some days are more excruciating than others. The intensity of pain depends on how much electricity I have been exposed to during any given 24-hour period, in relation to how much healing sleep I obtained within that timeframe.

While I am the only member of our household who physically feels the pain from cell tower radiation, Juvy has a surgically implanted shunt in her skull which diverts excess cranial fluid that accumulates because of complications from her disseminated Coccidioidomycosis (“Valley Fever”). This shunt’s valves, which regulate the fluid-discharge rates, are controlled by magnets whose settings can be adversely changed by irregular amounts of magnetic or electrical energy. The surgery was performed at Banner University Medical Center in Tucson, by neurosurgeon Dr. Michael Lemole. She will have Valley Fever for the rest of her life, and the shunt’s effectiveness is a crucial component in her safety.

## **B. Civic Involvement in Cochise County and Surrounding Communities**

For many years I was extremely isolated from society. We yearned to give back to the community and to this great nation. Throughout the years we have helped our neighbors and friends in the area and have shared the produce from our garden, orchard, and chickens, holding in our hearts the biblical directive to be Good Samaritans. Many times I counseled others with Environmental Illness on where to live in Cochise County and the Southwest in general. We are blessed with an environment in Cochise County conducive to healing. This gift of the Southwest for humanity reminds one of the recommendations given by doctors in previous centuries to those stricken with Tuberculosis, when TB patients were told to move to a desert environment.

I have been on the board of directors of the Cochise County Historical Society since 2013. I was the organization’s secretary for three years. About five years ago I took over the philanthropic job of editing the *Cochise County Historical Journal*. I have also written a number of articles and book reviews for this locally produced publication. I am a member of the board of directors of the Southern Chapter of the Arizona Historical Society, based in Tucson. I was the president of the Chiricahua-Peloncillo Historical Society for three years and am still on its board of directors. (At the February CCHS board meeting, a letter was read which asked if anyone objected on historical grounds to the tower placement on Killion Ln.; I didn’t interject because I could not think of objections based on any legitimate historical reasonings.)

I sing in a local group that has made numerous appearances at area funerals, fund raisers, and nursing homes in Douglas and Lordsburg, NM. I am a member of the Rodeo [New Mexico] Community Association, giving me the right to vote on town business, which concerns those of us that live in bordering Arizona. I give presentations to area history groups and school children. I have given these school

talks on various local history topics in Bowie and Apache. My history slide shows have been seen and heard across New Mexico and Arizona. I also lead field trips to regional historical sites of interest, such as an upcoming trip in March to the Slaughter Ranch in the southeastern corner of Cochise County. All of these volunteer civic responsibilities are conducted for free.

We attend church in Rodeo, NM., and at times in Douglas, Pirtleville, and Bisbee. I am, or have been, a communion-service leader, communion minister, baptismal-class teacher, confirmation teacher, song leader, construction helper, collection-money counter, and a mostly, reserved activist in preventing the legalized murder of the most vulnerable human beings in accordance with the significant ideas of Thomas Jefferson's antiquated *Declaration of Independence*.<sup>1</sup>

## **II. Reasons For Moving Tower to a Different Location**

### **A. Safety Concerns**

I have included in this protestation a letter from my family physician, Dr. Jorge Cochran. He has been my doctor for 14 years. Rarely have I used his authority to accommodate me, but this proposed tower installation will compromise my safety as a citizen of the United States of America. I implore you to consider the consequences to my safety when deciding where to place this tower.

As U.S. citizens, we are nearly powerless to confront the behemoth of today's federal government. Our only recourse is our local and county jurisdictions. So, when you consider AT&T's permit request, ask yourselves this:

- Will anyone building this tower or petitioning for its permit move to the southern San Simon Valley?
- Will any of those moneyed interests take over the civic projects that I have invested my life in within these communities?

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<sup>1</sup> "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness..." In mid-February, 2019, a majority of Arizona lawmakers struck down an attempt to make infanticide legal within the state. Unless it has radically changed its political course, AT&T is a pro-abortion megacorporation. Please see where AT&T's dollars go on the following site: <https://2ndvote.com/business-entity/att/>. They use your money, through tax-subsidized tower building, to support abortion in this country and worldwide. This entity no longer believes that all people are created equal, or that they are endowed by God with rights to life, liberty, or the pursuit of happiness. Furthermore, the giant supports sanctuary cities, defying federal law. How about making Portal or Apache, Cochise County, Arizona, a sanctuary community against AT&T and infanticide?

- Besides sending lease payments to a land trust in Albuquerque and revenue toward the county coffers, will anyone at AT&T distribute Holy Communion to the sick in Rodeo and Portal, sing at nursing homes in Douglas, or write about the rich history of Cochise County in my stead when I am too incapacitated from microwave energy bombarding my body to do so myself?
- Or to divorce this concept from that of my health—will anyone do these things in my place when I have to move because of the placement of the tower?

The Americans With Disabilities Act promises protection to the disabled from what AT&T plans to do next to my home. You have the notice from my physician, and you have the information of what these damaging invisible waves of energy do to living beings from the documents submitted to you by the coalition attempting to protect Cascabel from the same sort of silent, insufficiently studied technology that has been requested to be implemented in a rural Cochise County community that does not want to have its safety threatened. You have the choice: to follow orders from the telecommunications industry that cares nothing of the lives damaged by a product that can be compared with government's former infatuation with cigarettes, agent orange, leaded gasoline, or fire-retardant asbestos; or you can protect the citizens of this county who look to you for help and sound governance. This cultural reliance on a technology that is being implemented faster than it can be studied for safety, is a gigantic Darwinian nightmare of colossal proportions, where the powerful expect the weak to either endure or die.<sup>2</sup> If our servant representatives, and their unelected colleagues, cannot protect society's most vulnerable members, then we are truly lost, lost as a county, a state, and a nation.

## **B. Ruination of Scenic View**

In addition to considering the safety concerns of your fellow Cochise County citizens, please also consider objections to the placement of the tower on the grounds of it being an eyesore. The AT&T corporation represents everything that we and our neighbors here in Cochise County stand against, including the killing of unborn children and infanticide. (Please refer, again, to <https://2ndvote.com/business-entity/att/>). Here is what Erik Abriss of *Vulture*, an

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<sup>2</sup> This is not hyperbole! The corporation had a desperate fight when its shareholders demanded they stop funding Planned Parenthood. The executives relented, only to begin a campaign of funding politicians that promote their diabolical desires. AT&T supports abortion and politicians proposing the legalization of infanticide across this nation. And they support CAP, Girls, Inc., and the Center for Reproductive Rights, all of which push the abortion agenda. The giant is not concerned with whom it harms by its disturbing technology and charitable donations, subsidized by your taxes. And how ironic, AT&T wants every woman to have the right to choose, except my wife and my female neighbors who do not want this tower: it will not allow them to have the right to choose to live clear of this colossus to Death.

entertainment organization underwritten by AT&T, recently wrote in response to underaged Christian students from Park Hills, KY, being attacked by adults in Washington, D.C.: “I’ve truly lost the ability to articulate the hysterical rage, nausea, and heartache this makes me feel. I just want these people [Christian children] to die. Simple as that. Every single one of them. And their parents....F\*\*\*ing die.” [He spelled out the obscenity.]

Their proposed 199-foot tower will be a bullying monument to their Culture of Death. Our neighbors and we do not want to be reminded on a minute-by-minute basis that American Christianity has been replaced, at the highest echelons of society, with a nihilism that has contempt for beauty, God, and the sanctity of all human life.

Not only will the tower be pummeling everyone near it with unstudied radiation, but its placement next to our home will be an ugly reminder, every time we see it, of things routinely labeled safe that are later found to be extremely unsafe. As someone who does not use a “smart” device, I can tell you that I am watching this culture sink into an unknowable addictive morass. We have all witnessed children walking along the street or in nearly any other setting, heads down, fingering the keys on their gadgets; people checking their phones while supposedly conversing with others face-to-face; drivers watching their phones at stop lights and while traveling instead of paying attention to the road. Even the epidemic of people watching internet porn would have been a horrific worry to our parents and grandparents. When this latest scientific blunder is finally confronted, the innocent who were harmed will be insufficiently compensated for their injuries. Instead, most damage awards will flow in a whirlpool made up of state and federal courts, trial lawyers, and their lobbyists—remember the states class-action lawsuits against Big Tobacco.

This tower is too close to our home and will obstruct the wondrous beauty of the Peloncillo Mountains and the eastern horizon, with its glorious sunrises. When we built, we had to pass a county inspection that required we not hurt the surrounding views with a tall fence or wall. Our own home could not be over a certain height. Nor were we allowed to ruin one of the best locations in the U.S. for viewing the nighttime skies by building overhead lighting on our property. Those were county codes that we had to comply with to protect this pristine and beautiful area.

What agency will step forward to compensate us for a potential relocation from this tower? Will AT&T divert any of its millions of dollars in donations for the killing of babies to help us move in an orderly fashion?

### **III. Questions Needing Answered**

**A:** Why can't AT&T and Bechtel compromise the views further to the south where no humans live; why can't they leave this small community in peace, to promote tourist visits both for astronomy enthusiasts and the pristine-view crowd of tourists spending their extra dollars in our relatively impoverished area?

**B:** This tower will be built for its inclusion in the FirstNet project. Can AT&T and/or Bechtel please tell the concerned public where along Highway 80, law enforcement and first responders will **not** be receiving FirstNet signals since a tower will soon be activated just north of Rodeo, NM?

**C:** What entity is the watchdog agency for assuring the American taxpayers that this federally subsidized unprofitable venture is not a redundancy in relation to the broadcasting abilities of the Rodeo, NM tower and thus a waste of funding, a waste exacerbating future generations' further indebtedness to a government that is in the twenties-of-trillions of dollars in the red? Who within government alerts this watchdog agency in order to find out if this huge tax-drain to future generations is at all accountable to the current citizenry?

**D:** The cell tower proponents may say that the tower will be aiming a beam of microwave energy at the horizon, but they do not divulge how much radiation fall-out or drip occurs at any given point below that horizon. Why won't AT&T give us, its neighbors, potential microwave fall-out readings directly below the proposed tower and at specific points spanning outward from the base?

**E:** The public deserves to know this radiation fall-out data. Can we please have this information from this specific tower's potential radiation output, presented to us by a company that wants to work in harmony with the local inhabitants?

**F:** How much money does AT&T spend supporting pro-abortion, pro-ethanasia, and pro-infanticide candidates in Cochise County and in Arizona? Isn't the placement of a federally subsidized tower in eastern Cochise County actually a small part of a giant money-laundering scheme to put tax dollars to work toward electing pro-death politicians to local, state, and federal elective posts?

## **IV. Solutions**

### **A. Move the Tower to Uninhabited Area**

There are miles and miles of uninhabited land that AT&T could build the tower upon. I asked Mr. Olson for mercy. He considered it when he told me that AT&T wants to get along with the populace out here. He said that the tower could possibly be moved to the property of the Apache school at Apache, Arizona. The president of the school board and the school's teacher both drew concerns with Mr. Olson that the children might be harmed by the radiation fall-out from the tower. Mr. Olson conceded to their demands to protect the children. Instead of coming up with a third option for the tower's placement, Mr. Olson went back to simply harming the residents' views and safety from the Killion Lane [Road] location.

- Why did Mr. Olson relent to the two ladies' demands but discount our concerns?
- What prompts him and his associates to disregard locating the tower in an area uninhabited by American citizens?
- Could this be an extreme abuse of raw, naked power from an economic sector that is constrained by no one?
- Wouldn't it be a beautiful and wonderful display of American might, of American representative republican democracy-in-action, to see a county government force an unstoppable money machine, beholden only to international billionaire interests, to move an unstoppable tower to an alternate location?

### **B. AT&T Could Lease Space on Rodeo Tower**

If the local citizens do not want the tower, and the tower's placement is redundancy and a huge drain on the continued national indebtedness to future Americans, then why not place the FirstNet Authority on the Rodeo, NM tower? Everyone concerned in this project knows that this tower is being subsidized by the federal government and will not be a money generator because of the sparseness of the human population in the area. And the tower will only compound this thin dispersment because of fleeing residents and the ripple effect of property values dropping, with tourist numbers plummeting because of their avoidance of an "unpristine" region of the county. My house was built for my chemical sensitivity needs, and thus would most likely only be sellable to others with Environmental Illness; however, no one with those conditions will buy a home so close to a cell tower. My vacant home will add to the area's unwelcoming look, and thus will lower local property values.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996, SEC. 704., (iv) states: “No State or local government or instrumentality thereof may regulate the placement, construction, and modification of **personal wireless service facilities** on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the Commission’s regulations concerning such emissions.” However, this tower is **not** primarily a personal wireless service facility. Its primary function is not at all personal and will be used mainly for an exclusive—first responder/law enforcement—sector of the population. This tower can not stand on the basis of economic “personal wireless service.” If this county, state, and nation gives in to the phony identification of such money pits, then the telecommunication industry can at will place a taxpayer subsidized tower wherever it wants to harm a given sector of the population. The industry now has the power to look at the voter registrations of any given district and cross-reference with other data to decide that if a voter is pro-life, injured by cellphone radiation, or votes for politicians who uphold that infanticide is murder, then that person needs a 199-foot personal wireless service facility next to her domicile. This morally-deficient industry is then well compensated by a government that supports the legalized liquidation of the future generations that will have to pay for this insanity! In other words, the industry can build tax-subsidized towers wherever it wants because they will be getting paid big bucks no matter how unused the system is.

Please consider telling the applicant that this monstrosity can be liquidated and that its “benefits” can simply be installed at a much cheaper cost to residents and citizens nationwide at the Rodeo, NM tower.

## **V. Conclusion**

We implore the Commission to please deny this permit for this exact location. Mr. Olson will most likely never move to Cochise County and bless it with his personal time and money, but he can move his permit to another location, one that isn’t based on his corporation’s animosity toward those whose wellbeings have been compromised by modern humanity’s lust for advanced unthoroughly-researched technology. He could also move this tower so that those of us who still profess a belief in the Judeo-Christian God do not have to be constantly reminded of the evils that have consumed this society. We are deeply grieved that our safety concerns and dislike for the planned change to a mangled scenery (and lack of subservience to the tech-pushers, by me not owning a cell phone) make us targets and casualties of the telecommunication industry. Please, we beg of you as fellow human beings and neighbors, don’t let this happen, especially when there are

innumerable other locations for this tower or this tower's technology. We ask that you grant us mercy, that you recall the words of our God: "... Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40)

May God grant us pardon and peace as we all contemplate the command of Christ Jesus, "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek, offer also the other: and him that taketh away thy cloak, forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee, and of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.... Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." (Luke 6:27-31, 36)

Thank you for considering these objections to the proposed permit, Mr. Gardner, and to all of your colleagues helping you in deciding this matter. Some of the lives and families in this remote neighborhood depend upon your beneficent help in order to remain upon the land and property they cherish. May God continue to bless Cochise County!

Respectfully,

John "Craig" McEwan and Juvy A. McEwan

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February 11, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding my patient, John Craig McEwan, who resides to the west of, and between, Highway 80's mile markers 410 and 411 in Cochise County, at 11347 N. Eagle Ridge Trail, Portal, Arizona.

Due to a medical condition, Mr. McEwan experiences severe headaches and other debilitating symptoms from proximity to cell towers. The proposed tower is approximately one-half mile from his residence which was specially constructed for his special needs.

To accommodate his disability, a cell tower needs to be at least three miles from his house. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jorge Cochran', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Jorge Cochran, NMD

**From:** [Tom and Alicia](#)  
**To:** [English, Ann S](#); [Gardner, Peter B](#); [Esparza, Paul](#); [stolson@bechtel.com](mailto:stolson@bechtel.com)  
**Subject:** P & Z Special Use Docket SU-19-02 (Bechtel Killion)  
**Date:** Monday, February 18, 2019 9:31:14 AM  
**Attachments:** [lkjfkabaindobnp.png](#)

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Attached is our response to the proposed tower at the corner of Killion and Hwy 80. We are against the proposed tower.

The hard copies and signatures are being sent via U.S. mail to Peter Gardner, Cochise County Planning Dept, 1415 Melody Lane, Building C, Bisbee AZ. 85603

You are welcome to call us at the number below if you have any questions.

Thomas and Alice Davidson 520/558-1089

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## I. **FACTS**

- A. [DMD Hearts and Hooves](#), <dmdheartsandhooves.org> a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization and [DD Gamble Guest Lodge and Ranch](#) <ddgambleguestlodge.com>
1. My wife and I are the directors of DMD Hearts and Hooves and owners of DD Gamble Guest Lodge and Ranch. Without the DMD Hearts and Hooves, we are entirely selfsufficient with our retirement and social security checks.
  2. The Guest Lodge is the sole support of DMD Hearts and Hooves.
  3. DMD Hearts and Hooves supports Cochise County assisted living centers and various county youth groups with our therapy trained miniature horses.
  4. DMD Hearts and Hooves works with the Association of the United States Army to provide wounded soldiers and their families weekends away from the hustle and bustle of city life and a chance to recuperate and rest.

5. We also take our therapy trained miniature horses to visit the patients at the Tucson VA hospital once a month.
6. Currently there is no cell phone reception at our Guest Lodge and Ranch. We advertise “technology free weekends” on our web site. Families with children take advantage of this so that their children do not have access to the internet.
7. Many of our guests have remarked in reviews on [Tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com) concerning the Old West charm and isolation of our Lodge and Ranch.

#### B. Proposed Tower

1. Ten miles from the proposed tower location in NM (31.870434N - 109.034849W), there is a communications tower being constructed. The tower is almost completed. It cannot be seen from our Guest Lodge and Ranch.
2. The proposed tower is 1.6 miles from our Guest Lodge and Ranch.
3. The ground elevation of the proposed tower is 4200’. The elevation of our Guest Lodge and Ranch is 4400’. A 199’ tower will be at just at or above eye level to our Guest Lodge and Ranch.

#### C. Fixed and Rotary Aircraft in the San Simon Valley

1. US Border Patrol has almost daily flights, both fixed and rotary wing, in our valley.
2. The US Air Force uses the Chiricahua mountain range for training at least once or twice a week. Jets and A-10’s are common in our valley. Air Force regulations require aircraft to fly at least 500’ above ground level. Local residents can verify this is often violated.

3. Portal Rescue often uses the corner of Killion and Hwy 80 to land medical evacuation helicopters. The landing area used is approximately 400 yards from the proposed tower location.

#### D. Tower Lighting

1. The San Simon Valley is known for having the darkest skies in the continental U.S.A.
2. The almost completed tower in NM will not have any lighting. This is because of the astronomers living in the Portal area Sky Village. These astronomers were the primary movers for the Cochise County covered outdoor lights ordinance. Lighting on the tower would interfere with their astronomical observations and photography.
3. A request has been submitted for the proposed tower to have installed an aviation light for safety reasons.
4. The 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 approved the [“FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016”](#); paragraph 2110 is applicable to our situation.
5. Federal Aviation Agency Advisory Circular ([AC 70/7460-1L](#)) in Appendix A recommends lighting for all towers more than 50’ high. Moreover, it recommends/requires the usage of LED lighting.

## II. CONCLUSIONS

- A. Because of the number of USBP flights and USAF flights, it is entirely conceivable that these two agencies will become involved with having lights placed on both towers for safety reasons.
- B. Although current FAA regulations do not require lighting under 200’, this could change anytime and the advisory could become a

regulation.

- C. The proposed tower, with or without lighting, will be in direct line with our Lodge and at the same elevation.
- D. If the proposed tower has the aviation safety lighting, the blinking light will shine into one bedroom (our most popular bedroom) and the common areas of the kitchen and living room.
- E. If the proposed tower has lighting, this will hinder the astronomers in their star gazing pursuits.
- F. Tripadvisor.com reviews are a mainstay in our advertising. If our guests begin to include the tower in their reviews, which they no doubt will, revenue for our charity will be severely curtailed. Cochise County and the people we serve will be the ultimate losers.
- G. The Google Earth photo below shows the location of our Lodge (upper left corner), current medevac landing site, and the proposed tower location.



### III. Recommendations

- A. Perhaps ATT could piggy back off the current tower in NM under

construction instead constructing a brand new tower just 10 miles away.

- B. Move the proposed tower location further south at least five miles from the proposed location. There are fewer residents and/or tourists in that area.

**From:** [Ken Joens](#)  
**To:** [Gardner, Peter B](#)  
**Subject:** proposed cell phone tower at Killian/Hwy 80  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2019 2:40:04 PM

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We own and live on parcel # 02-402-68-016C 5, between the proposed cell phone tower at Killian/Hwy. 80 and the recently erected, but not yet in operation, Rodeo cell phone tower.

When Steve Olson, with Bechtel Corp., construction applicant for the Killian/Hwy 80 cell phone tower permit sent out letters to near neighbors of the proposed cell phone tower on Killian/Hwy 80 he did not know that there was a tower (both that and the proposed tower are AT&T) being constructed in Rodeo. My concern is that there was no coordination between these two towers that are so close together. Some have requested that the proposed tower be moved farther south to Apache. At Apache there is an elementary school, and as President of the Apache Governing Board, my concern is for the children there. Even though most studies show there are no adverse effects resulting from cell phone towers, those studies have not been able to discover long term effects yet.

So I am suggesting that the proposed Killian/Hwy 80 tower be moved farther away from the Rodeo tower, but not be put near the school in Apache. I would also like to see it moved farther south, to get it farther away from our place, because of possible long term effects that have not yet been discovered. Perhaps an area with no or limited population could be found.

Thank you for considering my concerns,  
L. Maurine Joens

**From:** [Nicole Gillett](#)  
**To:** [Gardner, Peter B](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed communication tower near Portal  
**Date:** Friday, March 1, 2019 12:37:58 PM

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Good afternoon Mr. Gardner,

My name is Nicole Gillett and I am with Tucson Audubon Society. Audubon works to protect birds and habitats, and our coverage area is all of SE Arizona. Some of our members in the Portal area have raised concerns with us about a proposed communications tower near Portal. Communication towers are hazards to birds, especially when they include the strong lights required for safety. The Portal area is a huge draw for birders and region is an important migration corridor for birds passing through. We would strongly suggest, if plans for the tower move forward, to follow the Fish and Wildlife guidance on communication towers and include a flashing light (rather than a steady light). You can find more information here:

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/threats-to-birds/collisions/communication-towers.php>

Please feel free to reach out with any questions and thank you for considering our comments.

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Mr. Gardner:

Thank you for your prompt reply.

A bird expert in Portal told me to research current info, so I've been doing some internet searches, and I admit, I'm no great researcher or scientist.

Surprisingly, according to one of the more recent articles, it seems birds can be lured to a communications tower by the light itself! And then suffer problems by exposure to radiation. There is concern about the country moving up to 5G, which will likely make the problem worse. A steady red light is apparently more likely to lure birds to a tower than a flashing light--just the opposite of what I would have expected.

I imagine a flashing light, though, would be more annoying to astronomers.

The article's recommendation for towers was to have towers be under 200' tall (and this one is), and to change red lights if present to a flashing light.

As to lighted towers and radiation, the problem could be a real worry for songbirds that migrate at night, because when they are close to the tower, the radiation can disrupt their sense of direction, causing disorientation and collisions with towers and their guy wires, and thus reducing migratory bird populations. This radiation is also suspected to interfere with the movements of bees and possibly causing some die-offs, also other insects, as well as plant metabolism (harder to believe..).

As to raptors, like hawks who like to perch and nest on towers, I have not found much yet in my "preliminary googling". I've read about guidelines established for power lines and towers to help prevent electrocution, but I'd like to learn if there are measures to help protect raptors from radiation associated with communication towers.

Thanks again for your response, and I hope to keep in touch.

Ann Beeghly

> On Feb 14, 2019, at 3:42 PM, Gardner, Peter B <[PGardner@cochise.az.gov](mailto:PGardner@cochise.az.gov)> wrote:

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> Ms. Beeghly,

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> Since no light is required under FAA regulations, we have some leeway here. Such lights are generally red and strobe style. As the author of the latest version of the County's light pollution code, I am very cognizant of and sympathetic to the dark skies concerns. I am investigating the possibility of a lighting system that can be controlled by Portal Rescue so that it is only on when there is medivac traffic. That seems to me to be the best compromise, but we do not yet have a formal suggestion.

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> I am not aware of issues with birds, but that is certainly another item for us to look into and work with the applicant on, as birding is an important part of ecotourism in the County, which is noted under our Comprehensive Plan. We do have to be cautious of framing it in terms of emissions and emf radiation, as those are solely in the province of the Federal Government, and if a tower is denied based on emissions issues the Telecommunications Act of 1996 permits the applicant to have the entire denial overturned regardless of any other land use issues. To be clear, bird protection is an important question, and Staff will work with the Applicant (who have been very open and accommodating to concerns, such as their willingness to install lights at the request of Portal Rescue) to see if we can work out effective protections if they are deemed necessary.

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> I understand that these were not exactly direct answers to your questions, but that is because we are still gathering

feedback and looking for solutions. I hope we can work with you to satisfy your concerns and look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you and regards,

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> Peter Gardner

> Planner II

> Cochise County Community Development

> Development Services Department

> 1415 Melody Lane, Building E

> Bisbee, AZ 85603

> 520-432-9300

> 520-432-9278 fax

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: birdthedesert@aol.com <birdthedesert@aol.com>

> Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:31 PM

> To: Gardner, Peter B <PGardner@cochise.az.gov>

> Subject: Proposed Comm. Tower near Portal

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> Dear Mr. Gardner:

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> Thank you for sending me the notice of the proposed tower on Hwy 80, between mileposts 410 & 411 in the general Portal area. I would like more info before replying to this notice.

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> Questions:

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> Light on tower:

> What kind of aviation safety beacon light are they proposing to install on the tower? Strobe light? Constant red light? I am in favor of the added safety for pilots, at least the medivac pilots, but...

> Astronomers in the area value their dark skies!

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> Radiation concerns:

> It will be great to improve communication in this area, but...

> Are there dangers to birds such as hawks and eagles? I understand that these towers can put out dangerous radiation that could harm birds which roost or nest on the tower. But I've also heard they may have developed safety measures that can protect the birds. Southeastern Arizona, especially the Portal area, is such a prime birding area and attracts people from all over the world. So I feel that many persons will be concerned if the tower may be harmful to birds.

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> Thank you for your consideration and please reply, if possible, to my concerns. If not, could you please refer me to a source of information that will help me find answers to my concerns?

>

> Ann Beeghly

> birdthedesert@aol.com

> Owner of property near proposed tower site

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Undecided

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\_\_\_\_ YES, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST  
Please state your reasons:

Pro's

The Communication in the Area  
will benefit the Residents of the Area  
which is great.  
Safety of Communication is Important.

Undecided

\_\_\_\_ NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:  
Please state your reasons:

However \*

I Bought There B/c of Serenity and beauty  
of the Area, which will now be altered.  
From a selfish stand point I guess I  
would be happier if I rec'd a small  
compensation

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): Charles C Fry DuAnn Fry

SIGNATURE(S): Charles C Fry  
DuAnn Fry

Parcel # 402-60-00801

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: NO 8 7 digit (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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**YES, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST**  
Please state your reasons:

*No Comment*

**NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:**  
Please state your reasons:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): JAY C. TOWSEY

SIGNATURE(S): Jay C. Towsey - Trustee

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 402-73-~~00500~~<sup>00520</sup>-005 (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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YES, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST

Please state your reasons:

Wireless COMMUNICATIONS DRIVE THE ECONOMY OF THE USA. POOR FACILITIES MEAN POOR SERVICE. IMPROVED FACILITIES MEAN BETTER SERVICE. CONTINUE TO INVEST IN IMPROVED FACILITIES!

NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:

Please state your reasons:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S):

Wayne Rutschman, RE MOR, CTI, INC.

SIGNATURE(S):

Wayne Rutschman exhibit #1

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER:

See attached list

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Exhibit "A"

~~Parcel Address~~

CTI, Inc.

Cochise Co. MAULET & IV BAR

RANCHES

County - Parcel	Description	County - Parcel	Description
<del>01-204-42-0000</del>		02-412-32-0010	
<del>01-204-42-0000A</del>		02-412-32-0040	
<del>01-204-42-0000B</del>		02-412-32-0050	
<del>02-402-53-0100</del>		02-412-32-0070	
<del>02-407-53-0100</del>		02-412-38-0010	
<del>02-411-03-0020</del>		<del>03-112-23-0050</del>	
02-412-01-0010		<del>03-101-23-0040</del>	
02-412-01-005K		<del>05-105-51-0030</del>	
02-412-01-0060		<del>07-104-70-0040</del>	
02-412-01-0070		<del>07-115-06-1350</del>	
02-412-04-0010		<del>10-216-10-0050</del>	<del>10105 N CASA GRANDE TR</del>
02-412-04-0030		<del>10-216-12-0150</del>	<del>10649 N CASA GRANDE TR</del>
02-412-04-0040		<del>10-215-12-0160</del>	<del>10651 N CASA GRANDE TR</del>
02-412-04-0060		<del>10-216-12-0170</del>	<del>10649 N CASA GRANDE TR</del>
02-412-05-0010		<del>10-220-25-1640</del>	<del>7312 N SECRET CANYON DR</del>
02-412-07-0010		<del>10-220-25-1860</del>	<del>7321 N SECRET CANYON DR</del>
02-412-07-0020		<del>10-226-27-0400</del>	<del>8205 N FAIRWAY VIEW DR</del>
02-412-07-0040		<del>11-503-46-0420</del>	
02-412-08-0020		<del>12-306-04-0150</del>	
02-412-09-001A		<del>12-400-05-000A</del>	
02-412-09-001B		<del>12-400-05-0020</del>	
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02-412-13-0030			
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02-412-16-0010			
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02-412-21-0010			
02-412-22-0020			
02-412-25-0010			
02-412-26-0010			

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**YES, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST**  
Please state your reasons:

We feel the communications tower will be beneficial to the local residents plus the emergency workers. We also think it would help to raise property worth/value.

**NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:**  
Please state your reasons:

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(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S): Stacy A. Wright & Ann R. Wright

SIGNATURE(S): Stacy A. Wright  
Ann R. Wright

YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 402-61-00608 (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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COCHISE COUNTY

MAR 21 2018

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YES, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST  
Please state your reasons:

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NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:  
Please state your reasons:

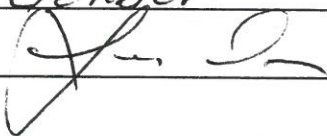
- 1) light will be to bright, can't sleep! 2) will block view of mtz
- 3) may hurt properties value? plan to be here for rest of life, don't want to sell.

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S):

Larry Genber

SIGNATURE(S):



YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 402 61 00103 (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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YES, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST

Please state your reasons:

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NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:

Please state your reasons:

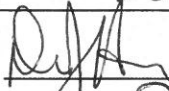

BLOCK SOME VIEW AND NOT WANTING  
ELECTRICAL EMITTING NEAR US

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S):

DEBRA & JAKE HARNEY

SIGNATURE(S):

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YES, I SUPPORT THIS REQUEST

Please state your reasons:

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NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST:

Please state your reasons:

WE LIVE OUT IN RURAL AZ TO BE AWAY FROM THE CITY AND ALL ITS  
MANIFESTATIONS. WHY YOU NEED TO DROP A TOWER RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARDS,  
REDUCING OUR PROPERTY VALUES AND OUR OPEN VIEWS, IS BEYOND ME.  
WHY YOU CAN'T PIGGYBACK ONTO THE OTHER RODEO TOWER ALREADY CONSTRUCTED  
IS BEYOND ME. PLACING THIS TOWER NEXT TO KILLION MAKES NO SENSE.

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

PRINT NAME(S):

Doug Grano

SIGNATURE(S):



YOUR TAX PARCEL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ (the eight-digit identification number found on the tax statement from the Assessor's Office)

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