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Hello,

Attached is my public comment for the BOS Meeting, 9-2-25.

My name is Hannah Stewart. I have lived in Quincy for 10 years now. It is my home, it is the place where I met my husband, and where we are now raising our daughters.

I am here today to discuss the Verizon cell tower currently being constructed on SPI's parcel off Powerline Rd. in Greenville. My father, John Stewart's home is adjacent to the tower site. There is a severe injustice happening with the tower's location. As you know, it will be **200ft tall** - visible from every window from my father's home, as well as his neighbors and the Maidu Washoe Family Cemetery. While I do not live on this property, I visit there often with my two small daughters for quality time with my dad, and their Papa.

As a little boy my dad read my grandad's copies of Field and Stream magazine and only ever dreamed of being able to live somewhere like the pictures in that magazine. My dad retired in 2021, and there was no better place to spend his remaining years than here with us.

He purchased his home in April of 2021. Nearly 8, forested & private acres. We all are aware of the Dixie Fire that ravaged our county that summer. By a true miracle, his home remained, but his acreage became a barren land, and all outbuildings perished. He was the only home that survived on Powerline Road. He contemplated moving, but he decided to stay.

He was offered \$1200 a month to place the tower on his property. He turned it down as he did not want to see this monstrosity, nor did he want to subject his neighbors to it. It is not only ugly, but will drastically decrease surrounding property values. A few weeks ago, without any notification he saw the beginnings of the tower, just a few feet off his property line.

This tower is in a Timberland Production Zone. Due to this zoning, no one had to be notified. This is a bureaucratic loophole. If my dad had accepted the money and contract for the tower, a notice would have been sent out and neighbors could have complained for the permit to not be granted. The issuing of this permit, while legal, is a complete and gross negligence. No due diligence was done. The planning department should have looked at the surrounding parcels and seen that there are homes and a native cemetery within a ¼ mile of the site.

We are in support of better communication, but at what cost? It comes at the expense of Dixie Fire survivors, who did not leave after devastation. We live in places such as this to not look out from our windows and see 200 ft cell towers. If we wanted those horizons, we would live in the city.

We are asking you to immediately stop the construction of this tower. To create a dialogue to move the tower to a nearby location out of sight still within that same parcel.

I spoke to SPI Former President George Emmerson on the phone on Monday. He was unaware of this project and told me that I was doing all the right things to come here today and have this cell tower moved.

Verizon doesn't pay taxes here, nor elect Supervisors. We do. We live here, we pay property taxes, we have a right to be involved in discussions, and a right to pristine horizons.

I urge you today to please halt construction and have Verizon move the tower. I ask each of you, would you want to have a **200 ft** cell tower built in your front yard? In your parent's yard? Would you want your children or grandchildren playing under it? If the answer is no, then please do the right thing. Do not let Verizon take advantage of a loophole and the people of Plumas County.

Thank you for your time today.

Thanks,
Hannah Stewart