

Supplemental Narrative – Verizon Conditional Use Permit Application

-- Compliance and Safety Summary --

34754 State Highway 41, Oldtown, ID 83822 – Parcel # RP55N06W127280A

Compliance and safety summary for proposed project.

Verizon Wireless is a global cellular network provider, connecting cities and towns in the United States with those in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Cellular providers operating in the United States must be licensed by and comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the Federal Communication Commission (“FCC”). All wireless devices sold, and technology deployed must go through a rigorous approval process to ensure they meet the science-based guidelines set by the FCC. These guidelines are based on studies conducted by multiple internationally recognized scientific organizations (i.e. World Health Organization, American Cancer Society, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, National Institutes of Health-National Cancer Institute, Food and Drug Administration, FCC, etc.) and set limits for the maximum amount of safe RF exposure from wireless devices, which include a significant margin of safety. All wireless devices and antennas utilized in the United States operate well under the FCC’s thresholds.

The proposed project is in compliance with the goals of the Bonner County Code and Comprehensive Plan, as referenced and discussed in detail in the Conditional Use Permit Application, and the proposed facility will create no hazard nor be a danger to any persons on or adjacent to the property on which the facility will be sited. The proposed facility will, in fact, improve the health and safety of those in the vicinity by providing a reliable communications source via telephone and the internet, by which people can contact one another, or E911 services in the event of a health or safety emergency. Currently, service in the area of the proposed facility is sparse and unreliable at best, and in many places, not currently available at all. As a reminder, calls to E911 services are transmitted regardless of which carrier a person utilizes. As an example, if I have service through AT&T, and the only tower my phone is in contact with is a Verizon tower, any call made to any E911 service provider will be immediately transmitted and prioritized by the Verizon tower facility regardless of my carrier affiliation.