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**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Record No. 217-25-000293-PLNG Cell tower  
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Dear Planning Commission,

Please find attached my letter in opposition to the Verizon Tower in Powell Butte.

Thank you,  
Jenny Hook

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Crook County Planning Commission

December 14, 2025

300 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Room12

Prineville, OR 97754

Dear Planning Department,

My husband, Frank, and I live directly across the street from the property with the proposed cell tower (Record NO 217-25-000293). We understand that you do not want to hear how we believe it will lower our property values, destroy the pristine views, the injury and/or endangerment to migrating birds, raptors, wildlife, and health issues to humans.

What I will say is the land the cell tower is to be built on is an EFU property. It was just farmed this past summer, I witnessed the owner out there plowing, seeding, watering and harvesting. To this day, you can see evidence. We have lived here since 2018 and I can remember at least 3 times if not more, that it was farmed. Obviously, the owners did this to keep it in good standing under EFU rules.

I read that Verizon stated that they picked this property, because they couldn't locate a good enough non-EFU site. I know there are other places this tower can be placed in. I noticed that Verizon circled an area they say needs more service. Funny, the area is right about where the new solar field is. There is a tower right across the highway on Wiley Road. They can use that tower. Powell Butte is not hurting for cell service; Verizon just wants a tower that they can lease to 8 other companies for more money.

I did a bit of looking through the Crook County codes (2c) for applying for a cell tower. One of the codes states that a balloon/crane test must be done within 2 days but not more than 30 days from the date of the neighborhood meeting. I took pictures of a balloon, that was tied to a helium cylinder in the field in question. This giant balloon, of course, caught my attention. I had no idea what it was for. This was on March 6, 2025. We received the Verizon notice of the cell tower on either April 22 or 23, 2025, the envelope was postdated April 19, 2025. The meeting didn't happen until May 4, 2025. That is over 8 weeks before the neighborhood meeting. They did not follow county code procedure. In fact, Crook County codes (2d) says the preapplication conference shall be completed prior to scheduling the neighborhood meeting or conducting the balloon/crane test. When did that conference occur?

In conclusion, Verizon's reasons for using this particular property are weak.

I urge the Planning Commission board to vote no on this application. Please, listen to the people that live in the "Good Neighbor" Community of Powell Butte.

Sincerely,



Jenny Hook

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