

## **Comments regarding the cell tower proposal**

Hello Ryan,

I think improving the public's ability to communicate with their cell phones , only enhances public safety. Having cell service for passerby's to report a crash or any other emergency will be a great benefit.

Regards,

Michael

Michael Buglione (pronounced Bul-yo-ne)  
Sheriff, Pitkin County Sheriff's Office  
530 E. Main Street, Suite 103  
Aspen, CO, 81611  
T:970-920-5236

Ryan,

Thank you for reaching out to us on this important issue.

Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District absolutely supports any good effort by a reputable company to improve communications in the Crystal Valley.

Cell service in the proposed area will greatly improve our ability to communicate and manage emergency incidents and non-emergent projects as well.

If we can be of any assistance in the furtherance of this project, please contact me.

Best Regards,

Rob Goodwin  
Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District

## **In District Comments:**

**1)** Hello Ryan,

We would like to provide our opinion on the Verizon Wireless Service Opportunity. As a family of 4 living on the Redstone Blvd. for more than 23 years we would like it to remain the same. We like to take a break from business down valley where we work or go to school and to disconnect. Every house in Redstone and around Redstone has WiFi. For safety measures there are other ways to stay connected. They are not free but our current situation here in Redstone gives us more than needed freedom during stressful times. This is why we love this unique place.

So NO from the Bensch family.

Mirka Bensch  
Ivo Bensch  
Lucas Bensch  
Tomas Bensch

**2)** Dear Ryan:

I would like to go on record as Redstone resident and customer / member of the Redstone Water and Sanitation Organization in opposition to the potential deal with Verizon to build a cell tower at our water treatment plant. My reasons are as follows.

1. As we now have reliable Internet service residents can use their cell phones on their property via WiFi. For them the proposed cell service is superfluous. The only beneficiaries of said service are transient visitors. As it is, on any given day, they often outnumber residents deteriorating our sense of community and causing residents to feel like strangers in their own village.

2. The sociological impact of this potential deal would erode the quiet nature of our community as it would erode the propensity of Redstone neighbors to communicate via direct conversation in the street and over the fence. Yet another step in removing the quaintness of our home village.

3. In terms of economic impact, the fee Verizon is offering would not be a significant offset to our monthly water and sewer fees.

Please fully consider the Impact of this decision and the desires of the user / members.

Thank You,

*John Hook*

495 Redstone Blvd.  
Sent from my iPad

3) This letter is to voice my concerns of a Cell Phone Tower in Redstone on the RWSD property.

I am giving my letter of non support for Cell Service in Redstone, I will attend the meeting tonight to gather more information as it is currently vague on details but will give my information based on the information i currently have.

Although i feel having cell service in the area has its pros and cons, i believe that the cons outweigh the pros. So I will not be in favor of having cell phone tower or service in redstone.

Josh Wamboldt

Ryan,

i know i previously gave you notice i was against the cell tower, this letter is to give my still opposition of the tower but also some of my concerns associated with the tower. I appreciate the time to take the comment and classify them for the community as well as gaining information from the companies for the community. I will point out that i do understand the "safety aspect" of having cell service for emergency services but i believe some other aspects may out weigh this option.

1. One very large concern of mine is cell service (as you stated most likely will be available from Penny to Placita along the 133 corridor) one thing i notice going to Carbondale is gaining service at about Nettle Creek. The amount of vehicles i start seeing crossing lines and swerving as they check their phones from getting messages is astonishing, and down right scary. This is something we can expect as cell service is gained in this stretch, vehicles already running 65MPH, passing on double yellows, and passing unsafely. This just adds a whole new aspect of danger to our section of HWY 133. I know using the other unsafe driving is an excuse but we already have an unsafe situation and adding another aspect to that can cause even more danger.

2. a 100' tower is going to be an eyesore regardless, even the towers they try to "Hide" by adding unnatural looking stuff to hide them as a tree is an eyesore. the historic aspect of this town is already being in a way forgotten as new things pop up and isn't being as controlled as it once was. This to me goes against the Historic View of the town.

3. With the amount of WIFI and availability to sattelite communication through messaging services, Iphone 18, Etc. This takes away from the "need" for cell service on an emergency level, i have had starlink for 4 years and have had 1 time where my wifi was not accessible for only an amount of 12 minutes total. There is so much WIFI in Redstone that Cell service seems like its pointless to get. There are also many establishments with land line phones that would definitely offer in an emergency. In a catch 22 to my first point, having cell service in such a small area isn't going to help much in an emergency except in this immediate area, which i understand would help residents but in turn this immediate area many are and will be willing to help, provide wifi, or can get somewhere quickly to call emergency services. I will bring up the magical moments concert in 2020 when emergency services were needed, wifi was easily accessible at the ranch and we made the phone call for an ambulance. I feel if safety is that big of a concern getting someone full time at the Redstone Fire Station would be way more of a help than polluting our historic town with Cell Service. Right

now regardless of the situation emergency services come from carbondale, wouldnt having EMS full time at the fire station be an even quicker solution in an emergency than having the ability to make an immediate phone call and then waiting 20 minutes for EMS to arrive? id rather take 5 minutes to drive or get to wifi and have 5 minutes of response vs immediate call and 20 minutes response.

4. You mentioned the budget and a rate increase possibility, im not 100% sure on the amount of people in the district but i figured even with 60 homes in the district a \$10 increase in rates for 60 ppl would cover the \$7200 per year rental fee of the tower. Personally im more than happy to pay an extra \$20 even a month to keep Cell service out of town and assist with the budget. I understand trying to make some extra money, off of something that may be inevitable although I heard from someone in the industry that, if we ever had the option to say no, it is more of a hinderance than a help regardless especially in a place as special as this.

5. Adding cell phone service to the town is going to bring in more tourism regardless, as a business owner I want more tourism but I feel the town is currently maxed out, I would personally not like tourism to expand even more, also in regards to that, people will cell service will have the ability to drive down the boulevard texting and calling, making that even more dangerous for the pedestrians along the boulevard in peak times.

6. We live in a beautiful place, all of my clients thoroughly enjoy the disconnect from their phones. Sure they can just shut them off, turn them on airplane mode, etc but when it's available many won't do that taking away from their nature experience, we all are tied to our phones and being able to disconnect is a true blessing. But the fact of having the availability is to much for many people, keeping this place cell free and give the ability to disconnect isn't common anymore.

7. Many residents have made it by just fine for many many years without it, I've seen many people who are very new to town are the ones really pushing for this, I personally although I haven't been here as long as many still love not having cell service. Nothing against those folks but if you lived here to change the town to what you left, you may as well just go back to what you left. That's my opinion.

Josh Wamboldt

#### 4) Ryan.

The Redstone Community Association's email announcement of today states that Verizon is requesting to place a cell tower at the Redstone Water & Sanitation District's wastewater facility on Redstone Boulevard. This is probably a good idea but, I have a few questions:

1. Why are we hearing about this from the Redstone Community Association and from a letter to the editor of the Chrystal Valley Echo, rather than, an official letter from the Redstone Water and Sanitation District to all of the District's customers?

2. Would Verizon's and the cell tower owner's use of the District's property for operating and maintaining the cell tower and equipment interfere in any way with the District's access to and operation of the wastewater treatment plant?

3. Is there sufficient electrical power at the District's wastewater treatment plant to operate a cell tower or will Verizon need to bring in additional power supplies?

4. Will Verizon and the cell tower owner/operator formally in writing agree to indemnify and hold the District completely harmless for any damage or harm, either to personal property or real property owned by the District, and for any personal injury to District employees and the public, caused by Verizon or the cell tower owner installing, operating and maintaining its cell tower and related equipment on the District's property throughout the 40 year lease period?

Just a few questions for your consideration regarding the proposal for a cell tower at the District's wastewater treatment plant.

Tom Kinney

5) Hi Ryan,

I think I have more questions than opinions at this point regarding the potential for a cell tower in Redstone. If you have any answers, would you please let me know, at your convenience?

- I've seen a lot of complaints about the cell tower contributing to texting and driving on Highway 133. Do we know the potential zone of coverage for cell service? I'd mostly want to know if it would reach 133 or would mostly be in town. Would also be interesting to know if potential service in the backcountry would be accessible.

- Do you know if we can ask CDOT about texting/driving incidents in the area? For example, most major carriers have cell service on Highway 82, so it'd be maybe comparable to know if that's a contributor to accidents there.

- This is maybe a stretch, but it'd be good to know if there are comparable areas/towns that went from no service to service and if there were any positive/negative, tangible effects or outcomes.

I'm not opposed but also think having some of this information could help inform my opinion more. We personally use Starlink at our house, but it often drops calls, so another solution could be nice.

Thank you!

Janelle Huelsman

**6)** Dear Ryan,

I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of a Verizon cell tower in our community. While I understand some community members have concerns, I believe this development is essential for the safety and well-being of our residents.

In emergency situations, cell service can mean the difference between life and death. Without reliable communication, our ability to contact emergency services is severely limited. Access to cell networks ensures that all residents—especially the most vulnerable—can quickly reach help when needed.

Additionally, having cell service will improve the livability of our town for full-time residents. It provides access to everyday communication, enhances work-from-home capabilities, and allows for better connectivity to loved ones, which is essential for a thriving, sustainable community. In a world where digital access is increasingly important, we cannot afford to be left behind.

I urge the board to consider these benefits and highlight SAFETY of Redstone residents as the number one reason, and approve the installation of the cell tower.

As a public service professional, I can not emphasize enough that public benefit and public safety should always take priority in any big decisions related to critical infrastructure.

All the best,

Alisa Kreynes

Full-time resident at 520 Redstone Boulevard

**7)** Hi Ryan,

We would happily accept an additional cost on our water bill than add a cell tower to redstone. I bought here because it is one of the few places in the whole country where you have community and infrastructure in a remote place free from EMF and Cell towers. Its the best part of redstone and a cell tower would not only ruin that it will ruin our health as more and more evidence that they are VERY toxic to humans and wildlife.

Thanks for attention, Jessica Grentner

**8)** Thank you for taking my comment along with the wider public on the cell tower issue.

First and foremost, I believe that in the interest of complete transparency, that an additional water board member such as Stephanie Hefelbein is also cc'd on all public comments, and is also supplied with a complete backlog of previous comments that have been made. When RCA and the Crystal River Caucus sends out e-mail blasts to solicit public comment, I would ask that Steph's e-mail also be included in those e-mail blasts for respondents to be able to CC.

I also strongly believe that an issue of this importance should be put to a public vote, and that those who are allowed to vote are only current members of the Redstone Water District who pay into the district system. These members in town bear the financial burden of the district, and would shoulder the greatest potential negative impacts of cell service throughout town. Caucus members in Marble and Swiss Village should have no say in this.

Lastly, I believe all these comments should be posted publicly along with the name of the person submitting those comments---including this letter in its entirety from me now.

Now---here is my public stance on the issue of a cell tower and cell service throughout Redstone-- I am opposed to this for many reasons:

Cell service throughout town would create a greater influx of tourism, which would disrupt the delicate balance of supporting small town character and values with business interests. The peace and quiet of Redstone would be disrupted more during offseasons, and residents along the boulevard would too often have people parking in front of their homes at all hours of the day and night to check their phones.

I continue to bear the constant annoyance of this on an almost daily basis because I have neighbors who have cell phone boosters. Sadly, I have experienced this literally hundreds of times over the past 8 years. I have had people idling their vehicles even after midnight while texting in my driveway or in the street in front of my home. This annoyance will become common with everyone on the boulevard with passers-by drawn into town to only check their phone, which leads to more parking and congestion on the boulevard with very little benefit to anyone in town.

I also believe that anyone who is addicted to their phone or needs it to conduct business already has a cell phone booster. And everyone in town already has internet as well.

Cell service at everyone's fingertips in town also contradicts the historic and small town character that we value in Redstone, which is promoted and visited as a place to unplug

and get away from the madness of our modern society. When people are out at bars and restaurants in town, we still talk to one another rather than sitting around looking at cell phones.

The human race somehow managed to survive for a million years without cell phones. We can continue to get by without them in Redstone.

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David Johnson--Owner  
Redstone Mountain Mercantile  
117 Redstone Blvd.  
Redstone CO 81623

9) Dear Ryan,

Thanks so much for soliciting community input on the installation of the Verizon cell tower in Redstone. I'd like to submit my very strong support for this tower, and the crucial cell service (both phone and internet) it will provide.

I see this first and foremost as a safety issue. Though many of us have cell service while connected to WiFi in our homes, there are frequent outages to our satellite internet (since there is no fiber internet in Redstone), which leave us completely disconnected from our work and families with no way to access information on outages.

Given the remoteness of the area, and our susceptibility to weather-based disruptions due to rain, mud slides, fire danger, snow storms, etc., the ability to have communication tools outside of the home, or that aren't reliant on WiFi, is also incredibly important. My husband and I frequently go on solo walks or runs around Redstone, and the ability to have cell service if anything were to happen--either with an injury or animal encounter--would be hugely beneficial. I have also had instances of being the first person to see an accident on 133, with no way to call for emergency services. Or I or my husband have been significantly delayed by an accident on the road and cannot reach each other to communicate that we are okay. When weather events cause us to lose our internet, we have no way to know if the roads are open or if there are other important Pitkin County alerts.

We also have elderly neighbors who need reliable access to health and emergency services. In these cases, the loss of WiFi for any reason could mean a life or death situation.

Additionally, our social and professional lives are increasingly dependent on reliable connectivity. And as the population of the Crystal Valley continues to grow, it's only a



matter of time until a cell tower gets built. I think it would be most beneficial to our community if we got ahead of this inevitability and were able to put some money back into the community through leasing the land to Verizon.

I understand that some members of the community are opposed to this development. Providing cell service would certainly be a change. But I believe that, similar to the arrival of TV and internet satellite dishes, this will eventually just become a normal piece of life that people can either opt into or out of.

So I urge the board to focus on the full community benefit related to safety and reliable access to information, alerts, and communication with our loved ones. A cell tower for our community would improve many of our lives and would help subsidize and strengthen the water district.

Thank you,  
Jessica Harris  
622 Redstone Boulevard

**10)** Ryan,

My name is Ryan Hackett, I am Maggie McHugh's husband. I saw that you are accepting emails in a comment period regarding the proposed cell phone tower. First and foremost, I'm sure you are being bombarded, so thank you for taking this on. I think a cell phone tower is a great idea for the simple and obvious reasons. The arguments against the tower are very near sighted unfortunately. If you don't want service, put your phone in airplane mode. Also, I hope you ensure that if you do move forward with the tower, that you get exactly what the district deserves on the lease for the land. Thanks for your time and handling of his contentious issue.

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Ryan Hackett

**11)** Ryan,

Debbie and I are in favor of the cell service tower. Although we understand and respect the oppositions opinions, the health and welfare of the residents and visitors of the valley are more important to us.

As a retired Redstone volunteer fireman and first responder I know the importance that a few minutes can make when a fire starts or a medical emergency arises.

I would hope that the board would request input from the Carbondale Rural Fire District and the Pitkin County Sheriff.

Respectfully ,

Bob and Debbie McCormick

**12)** Hi Ryan!

My name is Patty Worley and I live in Lakewood.

My husband and I have a home at 0497 Redstone Boulevard. Our family has had this house for forty five years. We would love to have a cell tower placed in Redstone.

We received a message to contact you to give our vote. Thanks so much for help with this matter.

Regards,

Patty Worley

**13)** Hi Ryan,

I am in favor of having a cell phone tower built for better communication from Redstone.

Margaret Yamasaki

585 Redstone Blvd

**14)** Hi Ryan,

I'm writing today to register my strong support for a cell tower in Redstone. The benefits of the proposed tower are tangible and manifold, while the arguments against it are vague and generally rooted in the knee-jerk opposition to change that sometimes characterizes reaction to proposals for anything new or different in the Crystal Valley.

First and foremost, the safety benefits of the proposed tower are clear. Redstone is a remote community dependent on a single road in and out. There are snowstorms, mudslides, flooding, and the potential for serious wildfires. Though someone at home with a landline or Internet access can call for emergency services, or learn about imminent weather-related threats, anyone travelling up and down the valley in their car, or hiking or biking on remote trails, is completely incommunicado.

Simply put: cell service will save lives, whether that's someone having a heart attack up in Coal Basin and being able to call 911, or a good Samaritan reporting a serious car crash up 133 or a dangerous mudslide near town.

Second, the cell tower will be cost-effective for individuals and the community. Some residents still pay for antiquated landlines—while also paying for cellphones, of course, because it is 2024 and everyone, essentially, has a cell phone. The tower will end the need for this unnecessary duplication and financial burden. Furthermore, many Redstone residents now use Starlink for high-speed Internet access, since it is the only available service that provides connectivity at modern speeds. Unfortunately, however, Starlink is very expensive—essentially twice the price of fiberoptic Internet services. However, with the cell tower, Redstone residents may have the ability to set up mobile hotspots at costs that are significantly lower than Starlink.

The cell tower will also create significant community savings. As you wrote in your letter to the editor, the “lease would be good for a term of 40 years and would provide \$7,200 of additional revenues for the District per year, with the amount increasing by 5% every five years to help battle inflation.” That is an excellent, long-term subsidy to a universal public good for Redstone residents.

It literally doesn't get any more clear-cut than this. Better safety for the community, better connectivity to the outside world, and lower costs for critical community infrastructure. Win, win, win.

Finally, I would ask you and other relevant decision-makers to think about long-term community interests and benefits versus short-term oppositional attitudes. There will always be a select group of individuals who will oppose change—all changes, any changes. NIMBYism is a well-known phenomenon in engaged communities, but sometimes the loudest voices in those communities tend to exercise veto power over a wide range of issues that are not their area of expertise, or in the final analysis, in the wider community's interest.

If individuals don't want to use cell phones on the boulevard or on 133, they can turn them off, or leave them at home. That's their freedom, and their choice. They can live in another era. But they shouldn't be making that choice for the rest of us.

Sincerely,

Zach Dorfman  
622 Redstone Boulevard

**15)** Hi Ryan—I simply wanted to let you know we strongly support having cell service in Redstone. Thank you.

Tom Harris  
0064 Redstone Castle Drive

16) To: Redstone Water Board

Pros and Cons of a cell tower:

~ Added distraction on an already dangerous Highway 133.

~ Increased service and safety. Disconnecting the Centurylink landline is a plus for me. Service if help is needed in town or on Highway 133 is a plus for everyone.

~ Possible cancer risk for folks living in close proximity to the cell tower. I'm not personally concerned about this. But the Hendersons and others living close down there should be asked how they feel about it.

~ Financial advantage to the Water District.

Having lived here for a few months shy of 40 years I feel very strongly about the character of Redstone. Being as old fashioned as it gets, I am surprised that I am in favor of a cell tower anywhere near Redstone.

However, technology is here to stay and there isn't one dang thing I can do about it. If the Water Department doesn't capitalize on this opportunity someone else will. I believe it is prudent for the financial viability of the Water Department to agree to land use for a cell tower. This financially benefits the community and everyone who is part of the Water District.

~ Changing the character of Redstone. It already is. Just look around.

I have shared my concerns with Ryan as far as finding out the highest amount that is customary for such a transaction and making sure the contract states if the company pulls out (with the every four year pull out wording) they have to remove the cell tower and return the land to prior status.

With that said, I am fine with whatever you all decide. I grew up in the country without services and still. I know how to do this; take care of ourselves and our neighbors.

Thanks for all you do for our Water District.

Kay Bell

**17) Good morning Ryan-**

I have voiced my opinion at our Board meetings, but my husband, Nathan and I would like to go on record as members of the Redstone Water and Sanitation District in strong opposition of a cell tower being installed at the sewer treatment plant for the reasons listed below:

1) Redstone is like no other place in the world. People walk along the Boulevard and visit our restaurants and shops, without being glued to their phones. It is so refreshing to see people sitting at a table and talking to each other instead of staring at their phones. If people want to have access to their phones while they are eating dinner instead of enjoying their company, they are more than welcome to sit down at the Inn and utilize their reliable wifi.

2) All residences/members of RWSD have reliable internet service and use it for wifi calling. The residences/members of RWSD would not benefit from the service. The only people who would benefit are the visitors or passerbys of Redstone. The majority of the visitors to Redstone already have a hard enough time paying attention to the kids and people along the Boulevard without the distraction of a cell phone.

3) We love that we live in a place where we aren't constantly exposed to the EMFs emitted by a cell Tower. If installed, the cell tower could potentially negatively impact the health of the residents of Redstone as it would be "just down the street", not several miles away.

4) The tower is currently proposed to be 100-feet tall. The existing fire house is 25-30' tall so the Tower would be 3-4 times that height. They are unsightly even though they make an "effort" to make them look like a tree. The tower would also likely be seen from the south end of Redstone, not ideal.

5) The additional income that would be brought in (currently proposed to be \$7200/year) is not enough to offset monthly fees.

6) I am concerned as a Board Member that leasing this 50x50 foot piece of land (the last piece of land aside from what would be the footprint of an expanded treatment plant) could restrict any necessary future expansion of the pond or anything else that may come up.

7) I am concerned as a Board Member that the construction of the tower would negatively impact the adjacent wetlands. I also would like to look into the flood plain and how it interacts with this footprint.

8) If the tower went in, although waiting for confirmation on this from Verizon, the service would likely only span from Penny Hot Springs to just before Hays Creek, a little more than 4-miles. Definitely not worth it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephanie and Nathan Helfenbein  
535 Redstone Boulevard  
Redstone, CO 81623

**18)** Ryan,  
We are in favor of having the tower.  
Bruce Garr

### **Out of District Comments:**

**1)** Clark and I have had too many near misses by crazy people driving on 133. Despite the obvious benefits of having emergency communications capability, the danger of speeding drivers unfamiliar with the twists and turns of the road, icy spots, combined with being distracted by their phones amounts to an unacceptable risk. Keep Redstone rural!

Pam and Clark Heckert, Placita since 1986

**2)** Hello Mr. Kenney,

Thank you for the opportunity to hear our voices. Cell phone use, text use, and any more distractions along the Highway 133 corridor presents a health and safety issue to the residents of the Crystal River Valley. Please do not install a cell tower.

Kind regards,  
Brett Beavers

**3)** Hi Ryan,  
I just wanted to email you to say how much I am in favor of a cell phone tower in Redstone. I understand people want to “disconnect” but the truth is it will be safer to

have service and we still have to work and stay in communication while enjoying where we live. Cell phone service will only help everyone in the crystal river valley.

Thanks,  
Dennis Kortze  
152 Elk Lane, Redstone

**4)** hey ryan

my wife and i live in elk mtn neighborhood, since 2016. we also own a cabin up by mcclure pass, since 2001.

we love living in an area with no cell, and all our friends and family who visit love it too.

we are avid outdoors people, ultramarathoners, etc, and we are never worried about not having cell but prefer to be able to connect deeply to nature in a non distracted setting.

we would vote NO on adding a cell tower please.  
thanks

thompson bishop

**5)** Great idea provided there is no charge to residents. Obviously there are pros & cons but the pro of “ having the use of a cell phone for emergencies “ is paramount over the voiced negatives given our remote area.

Thank you

726 Coal Creek Rd, Bessie & Al Arlian

**6)** Hi Ryan,

Just wanted to voice my opposition to cell service in the Crystal.

Thanks,

Tyler

**7)** Hi Ryan,

My name is Robin and my mother Carolyn Kauffman lives in Redstone.

She asked me to contact you about the cell tower that might be servicing Redstone in the future.

She is 89 and lives alone. Recently her Century Link land line has had technical issues numerous times and she has been without any phone service at all at her house. Her cell phone does not work there. We have looked into Pathfinder internet service but her house is not in line with the tower they use. Her family and herself are concerned about her not being able to call for help if she would need to and a cell tower in that area would be very helpful

She would very much like to speak with you if you could call her on her cell phone (970-456-xxxx) Her land line is not working again but I will include that number (970-963-xxxx)

She goes to Glenwood frequently and could get your message and call you back. Or you could email me your number and I could give it to her

Thank you for your time and consideration

Robin Kauffman

**8)** Hi Ryan,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong dissent regarding the proposal to install cell phone towers in our peaceful mountain town.

Our community has thrived on its tranquility and natural beauty, which are key factors that draw visitors and residents alike. The absence of cellular connectivity allows us to escape the relentless pace of modern life, fostering a deeper connection with nature and with each other. One must really work to disconnect and getting into the backcountry is our respite and antidote. We live in a world where genuine surprise and spontaneity is becoming less and less possible. We treasure the culture of what is now a distant memory of how our upbringing was characterized - happenstance without the aid of cell phones that made us accessible at any moment.

Introducing towers would not only disrupt the serene landscape but also compromise the unique character of our town. The noise, visual impact, and potential health concerns associated with such installations could diminish the quality of life for all residents. Though laws have been introduced to curb the use of phones while driving, it has not successfully stopped drivers from the perils of driving distracted. As daily users of 133, the last thing we want is to contend with cell phones distracting drivers on roads already known to be dangerous.

I urge you to consider the long-term implications of this decision. Let us prioritize the preservation of our tranquil environment and the well-being of our community.



Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Shannon Ryan

**9)** Hi Ryan-

It was just brought to my attention that there's a proposal to have a cell tower in Redstone. I live down the road and think it would be extremely helpful, if not essential, to have cell access. I have two little girls and often think about if one of them got hurt how would I call for help? Redstone is basically our backyard and I can't tell you the number of times we've been out and I've needed to call home — So even for the basic need to communicate.

I'm sure there are some who want to keep Redstone untouched and while I do appreciate and love that idea, it's a safety concern now with so many young families— I think it's a safety concern that should be considered.

Thank you,  
Kaitlin Butzer

**10)** We are writing to express our support for the proposed Verizon cell tower in Redstone. While we truly appreciate the opportunity to disconnect from technology here, we also recognize the significant benefits that cell service can provide, especially in emergency situations.

Most importantly, this new infrastructure could be lifesaving during critical events such as wildfires, floods, or mudslides. In emergencies, even just a few minutes gained by promptly alerting residents or emergency services can make a substantial difference in outcomes. The ability to connect quickly and reliably in these moments would be an invaluable asset to our community.

We understand that many of us moved to Redstone to escape the hustle and bustle of larger towns, and having cell service doesn't mean we have to give up that peacefulness. The option to stay disconnected will still be available to those who choose it. However, in moments of need, having the ability to reconnect could prove critical.

Thank you for considering this perspective.  
Sincerely,

Lou Eppelsheimer  
Frankie McKinnon  
Redstone Ranch

**11)** Hello,

My wife and I live in Swiss Village with our 1.5 year old son. We've lived here in the Crystal Valley for over 10 years. We strongly oppose the proposition of a cell tower being added to cover the Redstone area. There are plenty of ways to connect to emergency services or the internet without the need for cell service. I think the vast majority of residents and visitors to the Crystal Valley agree that a large part of the charm of this beautiful valley is that it feels separate from or disconnected (in a positive way) from the craziness of city/town life.

Please leave it that way. Cell service is NOT needed. We don't want it and I know that the vast majority of Crystal Valley residents feel the same way.

Thank you,

Nick Lenio

**12)** Hi Ryan,

I saw a post on Facebook to provide feedback on the cell tower in redstone.

My family and I have lived in Swiss village (4 miles away from redstone) for several years now. I think a cell tower is long overdue for the valley as it is over an hours drive of no service. We have seen firsthand wildfires that we couldn't call in for 45 minutes, accidents in the river, and power outages where wifi calling is not possible.

I understand the love for the disconnect in the valley but it is 2024 and in my opinion a safety issue not having service in that populated and simultaneously desolate of an area.

My family and I are pro tower, long story short.

Thank you all for everything yall do!

Have a great day,

Spencer Middleton and Family @ 212 Cherokee Ln