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>>> Paloma Hill <paloma@sherwoodfirewise.org> 6/26/2020 10:46 AM >>> Dear Ms Acker,

I am writing in regards to the proposed AT&T Cell Tower for the Sherwood Corridor near R Horse Ranch and 3rd gate: County Case #: Major Use Permit U 2019-0014.

I support the cell tower installation. I am a member of Firewise, a board member of the Gates Road association, and an organizer of Safetynet-the early fire notification system for Sherwood road, and the main organizer of neighborhood fire reps for the Gates. I know of many households that do not have phone service or Internet access. This is especially true as the residences become more rural further down Sherwood. As part of Safetynet admin, we notify people of a possible fire in their neighborhood. I have seen first hand the difficulty in warning people who have poor phone &/or Internet access. I've seen neighbors having to run towards a fire in order to warn others who don't have phone service. I know of people with spotty reception running to hillsides to make a phone call to be able to warn neighbors.

I also believe at this time with fire season upon us and the pandemic in our communities everyone should have affordable Internet access. We don't know when schools will be available or when we can gather in larger groups or whether a neighbor needs to work from home. Everyone needs internet access.

I know there are people against this but consider this: if you called or emailed any one of them most would reply. Why? Because they already have internet access and phone service in their homes. I'm talking about the folks that dont have communication in their homes. They need communication services as well.

Thank you Paloma Hill 8417475 3540 Second Gate Rd

PS I am writing as an individual not as a representative of any organization.