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To the concerned members of the County of Mendocino Department of Planning and Building Services Commission Staff and Administrators,

We have been a property owners on Navarro Ridge Road for the last twenty-plus years. We would like to add in a few comments and observations regarding the "After-the-fact Standard Coastal Development Permit" that AT&T is applying for.

First off, "After-the-fact" is nice terminology which covers up for a mishandling by AT&T and the public trust. When the applicant first went to the county and a hearing was called, there was no outreach to us and the other property owners until the eleventh hour (if ever) that we were aware of. When we finally heard that the hearing had already commenced, we learned that the location was far away, out of county and was held at a very inconvenient time. We had no time to respond and would have been very interested to do so. This deceptive orchestration concerned us and continues to do so. We are grateful to get this late-in-the-process chance to voice our concerns.

With the poles and the lines already in place, we find it unlikely that AT&T will remove what they have already erected, but if it were to have been done so underground it would have been received by us with a better outlook as it would have required more planning and infrastructure resulting in better drainage and a road re-surfacing. The road is a country lane that extends to a small amount of homesites and ranches. The additional heavy lines and poles will require more maintenance than the original phone lines and poles. When the original work was done a couple of years ago, the road was impaired greatly. Navarro Ridge Road is *NOT* a county maintained road and the heavy equipment used to dig and erect the poles and run the line all had a large impact on an already poor road surface and its drainage. Along with this degradation to the 3 miles of the roadway, one of the AT&T trucks cut across our entrance and smashed our drainage culvert without any offer to fix the damage. Furthermore, The Lords Land - where the receiver tower is located - is the only benefactor that we are aware of with the resulting Fibre service. They will be receiving compensation from AT&T for the use of their land, and unless we are mistaken, none of the adjacent properties will even be able to get the Fibre service from AT&T.

In summary, our feeling is that AT&T has been less than forthright with this project and has been secretive with its implementation; they are not deserving of our trust. If AT&T would provide follow-up by mending the road and fixing our culvert, the gesture might have some semblance of good will. Perhaps The Lords Land would be willing to help with any further road maintenance and put their faith in practice by being a good neighbor.

Sincerely
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