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Re: Comments on Public Safety Tower Plan Concerning Proposed Tower Site #41

We are writing to inform you of our opposition to the above referenced plan, and more specifically to proposed tower site #41 (a.k.a. Ocean 1). The proposed tower is within the five (5) mile radius around the Forked River Mountains, and as such is not in conformance with the guidelines of the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP).

The proposed plan states that the tower will service the area around Old Road and Stone Hill Road. These "roads" are nothing more than sand trails in the Forked River Mountain project area. Within this 20,000 acre wilderness area known as the Forked River Mountains, there are no homes and there are no paved roads. There is nothing to service.

Furthermore, if there is truly a need for a tower in this area, it should be co-located on the existing tower at Atlantic Gravel. It is probably less than a mile away. That particular tower was mistakenly approved by the Commission because the applicant submitted inaccurate and/or misleading information during the application process that was apparently not properly investigated and/or reviewed. (This statement is easily supported by the fact that a tower is now clearly visible from the dam at Bamber Lake where none was visible before.)

This mishap has already negatively impacted the view from the planned hiking trail along the ridgeline of the Forked River Mountains and the view from the dam at Bamber Lake, the beginning of the wild and scenic river segment of Cedar Creek.

We cannot let another mishap like this one occur and we are looking to the Commission to protect the scenic quality and natural resources of the Pinelands by not approving this tower plan until proposed tower site #41 has been removed from the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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