

# STOP THE BARGER-FERN RIDGE AREA CELL TOWER!

Proposed for Bodenhamer Road (north side) 0.4 Mile West of Green Hill Road  
Lane County Land Use Application #PA16-05083



Verizon Wireless has applied to Lane County Land Management Division to build a 120 ft cell tower at the above location in a sensitive rural area between Fern Ridge Reservoir and the Barger area adjacent to northwest Eugene. **They openly declare they intend to ignore the Lane County Code about separation of towers from neighboring dwellings and schools and still demand approval.**

## WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

1. Lane County Code requires cell towers to have a 1200 ft separation from neighboring dwellings and schools. This requirement was adopted in 2002 through the **democratic process** including much **citizen involvement**, and **reaffirmed by the County** in 2005. If Lane County fails to enforce this separation it would enable telecom companies to ring the cities of Eugene, Springfield, and other towns in the County with cell towers up to the edge of their urban growth boundaries, with little or no separation from homes and schools just inside. **It would also undermine our rights as citizens to have meaningful democratic process and impact at the County level.**

2. Lane County Code requires an applicant for a cell tower permit to notify neighbors in the area and have public participation in the application process. Verizon failed this requirement.

3. **Decreased property value:** While the 1200 ft separation reduces visual impact to a certain extent, real estate values are adversely affected by proximity to cell towers (*Land Economics*, Feb. '16).

4. **Health risks:** An abundance of research world wide indicates the microwave radiation continuously emitted by cell towers adversely affects human health. Children and the elderly are especially vulnerable. Closer proximity increases one's dose, making separation distances all the more important.

5. **Harm to wildlife:** Many forms of wildlife--*especially migratory birds*--are harmed by cell towers. The US Department of the Interior has stated that migratory birds are harmed by the radiation disrupting their navigation abilities, by collisions with towers, by the lights of towers, and by the radiation when nesting in the tops of towers. ***The Fern Ridge area is vitally important for migratory birds and eagles in Lane County, and the proposed tower would be a direct threat to them.***

6. **There is already adequate Verizon phone coverage in the area!** The appropriate solutions for high speed internet are cable, DSL, fiber optic and satellite strategies.

## HELP US STOP THIS INAPPROPRIATELY SITED CELL TOWER!! HERE'S HOW...

- Sign the petition and encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved.
- Show up at the hearing to voice your opposition: Thursday August 11, 9:30 AM, Goodpasture Room, Customer Services Center, Lane County Public Works, 3050 N Delta Highway, Eugene.
- A land use attorney is being hired to advocate for neighbors. Info: [www.FriendsOfAmazonCreek.org](http://www.FriendsOfAmazonCreek.org).
- Volunteer to help: Call Kari Powell, [Concerned Barger-Fern Ridge Area Neighbors](http://www.ConcernedBarger-FernRidgeAreaNeighbors.org), (541) 606-4140.