

established by this plan, NPS DO-53, frequency coordination, and permitting by the FCC. The committee will also determine whether each proposal meets the objectives of the plan. The committee will make recommendations to the superintendent regarding the allowance of new or altered Wireless Communications Facilities (WCFs). The committee will also update the criteria established in this plan based on technology changes, make recommendations based on new technology, and document all decisions regarding wireless communications projects. Also as a point of clarification, as a part of the committee process, site specific consultation for National Register listed or eligible property (such as Mt. Washburn, Old Faithful) will take place between the NPS and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The NPS will write a short annual report that will be available to the public, and include a list of proposals received, proposals reviewed, what decisions were made, and what actions were taken. If proposals are received that entail actions outside of the scope of the Wireless Communications Plan EA, a separate scoping and public review process will take place under a new NEPA document.

### **NPS Radio**

This FONSI modifies Alternative C to include concessioner, contractor and partner two-way radio systems. The park will upgrade and install new equipment and functions to the NPS radio system as needed to meet changing technology, federal mandates, and park needs. Any new proposals to install additional wireless radio equipment will be reviewed by the park Telecommunications Committee.

### **Cell phone**

Cell phone coverage will remain at Mammoth, Canyon, Tower-Roosevelt, Old Faithful and Grant developed areas. New cell phone coverage will be allowed at the Lake developed area; this meets the Wireless Plan objective to improve operational effectiveness of wireless communications in the park and safety for park visitors, employees, residents, contractors and concessioners. Antennas for this new cell coverage at Lake will be configured to minimize spillover coverage into Yellowstone's backcountry. Sites will not be located in recommended wilderness. All sites will be hidden from view of developed areas, the Grand Loop Road, and area hiking trails. The park will evaluate these and other sites to serve the Lake developed area so they meet the guidelines and criteria adopted by this FONSI.

In response to comments, this FONSI modifies the preferred alternative to reconsider the design of a new antenna mounting structure at the summit of Mt. Washburn to relocate existing antennas and microwave dishes from the fire lookout structure. While the preferred alternative included construction of a new structure to mount existing antennas already located on the Mount Washburn fire lookout building, the Park will consider all options to reduce visual intrusions on visitors and the historic structure, while at the same time addressing the safety and security aspects of the site's proximity to a highly-used visitor destination. The NPS commits to working towards a design of a new structure that will be less obtrusive than what is shown in (Fig. 8) of the EA. Implementation of this aspect of the plan will likely not happen immediately due to size and scope of the project.