

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Yellowstone National Park
Idaho, Montana, Wyoming

PROPOSAL for NEW WIRELESS SERVICE

Section 1 - To be completed by Applicant

Date Submitted: September 11, 2013

Organization: Verizon Wireless WY1 Mount Washburn

Project Lead: Larry Gatz

Alternative 1: Remove the two existing Verizon Wireless omni antennas and EME shields from the NW and NE corners of the fire lookout. Replace two omni antennas with up to three 6' panel antennas to continue to provide coverage to the north, and south.

Alternative 2: Three options for panel configurations have been provided for the NPS to consider, see attached drawings dated 9/4/13

List justification for preferred alternative:

By moving to a sectored design, the RF footprint will improve at the Canyon developed area and EME will be directed away from the fire watch residence. Canyon developed area signal has been poor (less than -95db) under the existing configuration.

Section 2 – To be completed by the Wireless Committee

Does this proposal adhere to the Wireless Communications Plan? Yes No

<u>Reviewed By:</u>	<u>Name (print):</u>	<u>Signature:</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Telecomm Rep	Dustin Sene		10/17/13
Compliance Rep	Doug Madsen		10/24/13
Resource Mgmt. Rep	Dan Reinhart		10/24/13
Telecom Supervisor	Bret De Young		10/17/13

Recommended action by the Committee:

- Approve the proposal for service (no additional compliance or permitting is required)
- Approve pending additional compliance and/or permitting (right-of-way, NEPA, Section 106)
- Reject the proposal

Remarks from the Committee:

- The Committee Supports the Migration from Omni to Panel Antennas as demonstrated in options #1 and #3 on the attached drawings
- The Park will consult with SHPO regarding the placement of the antennas
- No additional NEPA required

Section 3 - To be completed by the Superintendent

Superintendent Action:

- Approve the proposal for service (no additional compliance or permitting is required)
- Proceed with the permitting process
- Reject the proposal

Signature: Daniel Wenk



Date:

1/14/2013

Comments:

Telecommunications Committee

This FONSI modifies Alternative C by clarifying the role of the Telecommunications Committee. To clarify, this committee will 1) receive and address requests for wireless service, 2) ensure proposals adhere to the wireless communications plan, 3) make recommendations to the superintendent regarding any action to be taken.

The committee will ensure that any new proposals follow the intent of the preferred alternative (i.e. proposals will need to fall within the actions and areas discussed in the alternative and adhere to the limitations imposed under the preferred alternative). Any new proposals to install additional wireless communications services, repeater sites, or equipment will be reviewed by the park Telecommunications Committee, which is led by the telecommunications specialist and comprised of members from compliance and resource programs. This committee will review each proposal for purpose and need, resource impacts, and adherence to the guidance 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.

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