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From: The Northern Teller & Southern Douglas County Cell Phone Signal Improvement Committee

To: All area residents

As you all are painfully aware, cell phone signal strength in all of Northern Teller and Southern Douglas County is woefully inadequate for today's wireless life-style. Whether you use Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Sprint or T-Mobile the number of bars you receive in and around your home varies considerably and, more than likely, is far less than you need to communicate. Not only that, but our public safety is also compromised due to our inability to reliably use E911 services. Spot an accident or a wildfire? Good luck in finding a place from which to call!

We have established a research committee investigating alternative solutions to this problem, ranging from short to long-term things we might individually and collectively do to improve our signal strength and thus our ability to communicate throughout our community.

As part of that effort, the Committee is now in the process of attempting to energize our elected officials to add their weight to our cause. But in order to get their attention; the Committee needs to show these officials the extent of our public discontent. To that end, the Committee has developed a public petition that will be collected, bundled and forwarded to our County and State officials and representatives to show the magnitude of our cell phone problem.

The Committee requests that **each of you who possess a cell phone print and fill out the attached petition (a separate one for each cell phone user), sign it and mail it via US mail to the address shown** so that the bundle may be forwarded on to our County Commissioners, State Senator Kevin Grantham, and State Representative, Polly Lawrence. Informal conversations with them have indicated that they are willing to help out.

The larger our response to this petition and the thicker the bundle, the more weight it will carry, not only with our officials, but also with the service providers themselves. Our petition can, and will, set the tone for our conversations with our elected officials and the service providers regarding this problem.

Who knows, perhaps we can convince the cell phone "powers that be" that a cluster of cell towers like those existing on the hill overlooking Woodland Park, is the answer for our area too. Can you imagine having five bars signal strength in and around your home and on nearby public roadways? And, aren't you already paying for that level of service?

Sincerely

The Cell Phone Improvement Committee

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**PETITION TO IMPROVE CELL PHONE COVERAGE IN NORTHERN TELLER & SOUTHERN DOUGLAS  
COUNTIES**

I, the undersigned, do hereby petition my County Commissioners, my Colorado State Representative and my Colorado State Senator, to strongly request on my behalf that Verizon Wireless, AT&T, T-Mobile and Sprint wireless service providers **dramatically improve their wireless service in the near term to Northern Teller & Southern Douglas Counties, (north of Woodland Park and South of Deckers along SH-67 by providing additional antennae and/or towers for their networks.**

Currently, the vast majority of residents in these areas subscribe to the above providers but have virtually no cellular service (signal strength<-100dBm) at home or on public roadways in these Counties. Consequently, E911 service is either unavailable or unreliable. Our expanding recreational population is similarly placed at unnecessary risk. This population is characterized by extreme and dangerous outdoor activities, such as rock climbing, dirt bike and OHV riding, mountaineering, water sports and remote backpacking. Further, the general public is prevented from quickly reporting discovered wild fires.

This situation is negatively impacting our public safety and our local economy.

I petition my elected officials to:

- 1) Meet with residents of this area on this issue so that they may fully understand our predicament;
- 2) Communicate on our behalf to the four major wireless providers such letters as necessary and appropriate to this issue;
- 3) Report back to petitioners what corrective actions the wireless providers will initiate.

Signature	Residence Address (Street & Number), Town	County
Printed Name	Email	Date of Signing
Sign and mail this petition to: N. Teller & S. Douglas Cell Phone Improvement Committee, 54 Spruce Circle, Woodland Park, CO 80863	Number of Cell Phones at Residence & Wireless Service Provider:	Average Signal Strength (number of bars)