

# HANDOUTS

## Natasha Grover

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**From:** KELSEY WAKEFIELD <KELSEY.WAKEFIELD@MATSUK12.US>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2026 8:16 PM  
**To:** Natasha Grover  
**Subject:** Tower at Noel Wein

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Hello,

I hope this email feels positive! I want to voice my concerns about the cell tower proposal in my town.

I believe the need is probably there, but firmly disagree with location of the tower.

It's talkeetna after all. We have lots of open land the borough probably owns.

Community members who have lived in That area for a long time...DO NOT WANT THIS.

Please consider our wishes, property values and general concerns.

Find another location for this tower.

I believe in you and know you can help find a better solution to this problem.

Thank you

There's always another way - moana

From

Kelsey Wakefield

Talkeetna elementary teacher

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**From:** kfpapertrail@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2026 3:59 PM  
**To:** Natasha Grover  
**Subject:** Natasha Grover Re: 125' Tower Permit Brown Trust, Talkeetna  
**Attachments:** Tower Permit MSB.docx; Nesting Loon area Benka.jpeg; Nesting Loon shoreline viewed from 17179 WInterset.jpg; View of loons from 17179 shoreline.jpg; Resident Eagle Benka from 17179 WInterset.JPG; View from property to proposed Tower.JPG

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7.13.2026

To: Natasha Grover, Current Planner; Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning; MSB Development Services  
Re: Atlas Tower 1, LLC on behalf of the Brown Family, Administrative Permit for the 125' telecommunications tower at 33693 S. Noel Wien.

I am contacting you in opposition to the above permit for the 125' telecommunication tower at 33693 S. Noel Wien. I am a full-time resident and property owner in Talkeetna. I note this because, as a full-time resident, I accept and maintain a year-round undeveloped road to my property and pay premium lake frontage property taxes. My property has 300' of Benka lake frontage located at 17179 E. Winterset Drive, parcel ID 43097.

I have attached a map photo showing the distance of the corner of my lake property from the proposed tower. This highlighted location on the lake (property owned by CIRI) is the current nesting location of a pair of protected loons that have been active annually since the purchase of property in 2020. Also, there are protected eagles on the opposite shoreline. I have attached photos of both from my shoreline where they can be viewed regularly. A light, run by generator, on a tower of 125' is not in the best interest of this active wildlife. This serves as a heavily wooded safe space for them on the lake and a large surrounding area should be highly protected.

Has a biological and ecological survey been done regarding the disturbance a 125' tower would have to this lake area, which is a nesting ground that lies away from the main Benka lake, much closer to the tower permit request?

This tower will be in full view of my home windows with blinking lights during the 8 months of lower light. Towers within sight of home windows have lower property values by an average of 10%. I have attached a photo looking in the line of sight where the cell tower will be located. This will disrupt a serene, valued view for myself, the homeowner, who chose to reside in Talkeetna in the woods on a lake away from city structures, lights and road maintenance conveniences. This tower proposal to be erected in a residential area appears highly inappropriate when a current tower could be upgraded or a commercial location granted permit away from a residential area of homes and lake property. Why do we want to disrupt this wooded lake home area with a tower, when other, more appropriate locations are available?

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration regarding this permit request.

Please accept this letter as my opposition to Permit Plan Number TOWER-2024-010035 Parcel 4287000L001. I heard of this permit request on Saturday, have had no other notices or meetings from TKA community council and regretfully will not be able to attend the Wednesday Public Hearing.

Kind regards,  
Karen Felton  
Signed July 13, 2026

Letter attachment and (6) photos of lake lot distance to tower

Administrative Public Hearing 7/15/2026  
Public Comment Handouts for TOWER-2024-10035  
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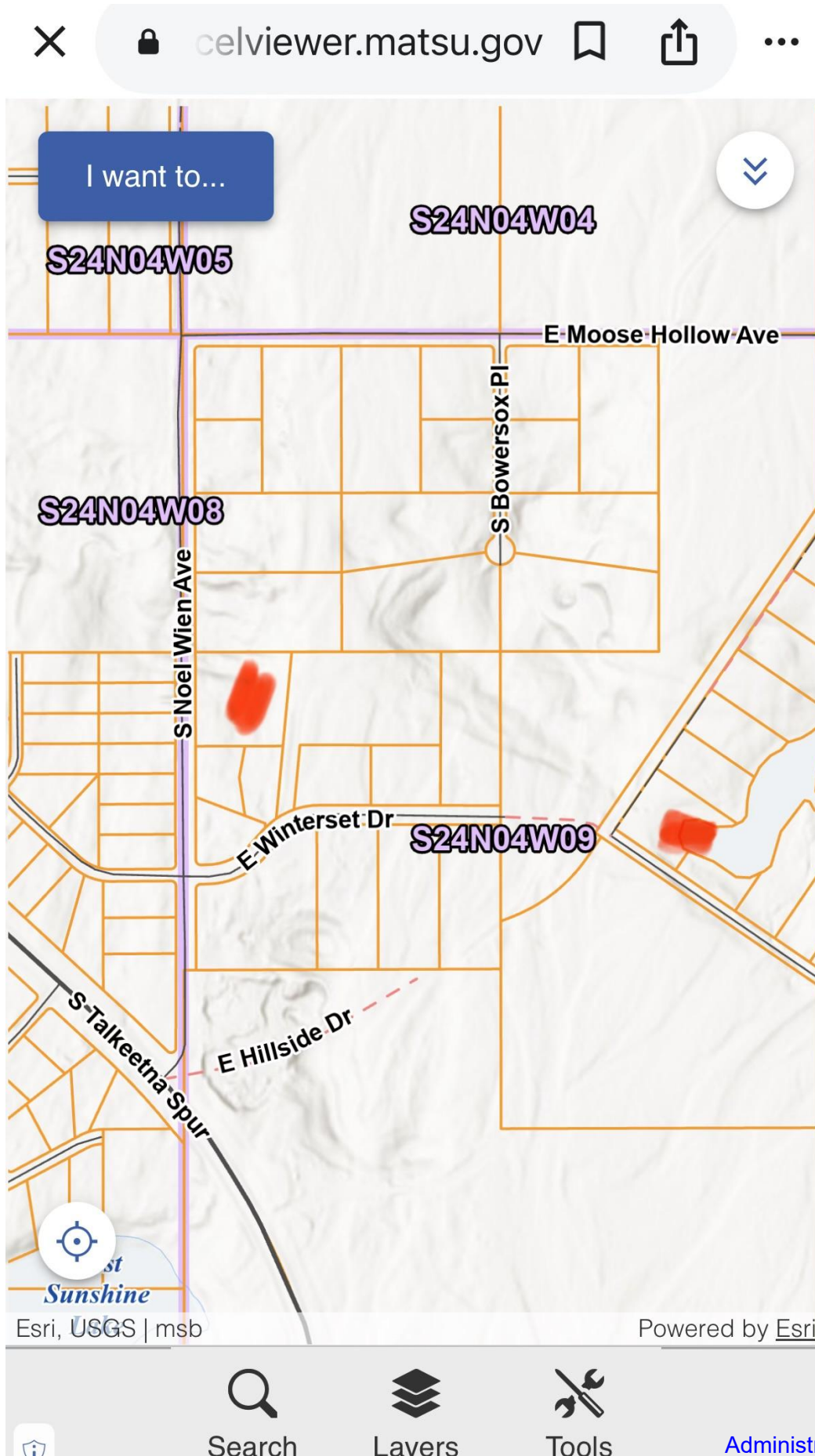
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“View of Loons from 17179 shoreline”



“Resident Eagle Benka from 17179 Winterset”



“View from property to proposed tower”



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**From:** danielle lecy <aktwister1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2026 10:50 PM  
**To:** Natasha Grover  
**Subject:** Proposed Atlas Tower on Noel Wein in Talkeetna

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Dear Ms. Grover,

We are property owner's on Benka lake. We have just found out about the proposed cell tower being slated for placement on a property on Noel Wein. We were never made aware of this by the borough which seems an unjustifiable oversight.

We do not support this project. This will have a significant impact on surrounding property owners, the value of land and the community.

The construction of a cell tower on Noel Wein will permanently alter the character of our neighborhood and negatively impact everyone's ability to enjoy the space around us.

We strongly oppose placing such a structure in the middle of an established residential area. There are other, less intrusive locations with unoccupied land nearby that could accommodate this better. Noel Wein and Benka Lake is an area that is frequented and enjoyed by many the community of Talkeetna as well as residents from all over Alaska and beyond.

We strongly urge the Borough to deny approval of this proposed tower at its current location.

Respectfully,

Kristin Lecy and Eric Hinrichs

## Natasha Grover

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**From:** Cj C <coryj.13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 8:04 PM  
**To:** Natasha Grover  
**Subject:** MSB 17.61 Talkeetna Tower

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**TO:** Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission / Borough Assembly  
**HEARING DATE:** July 15, 2026  
**RE:** Conditional Use Permit Request for 125-Foot Commercial Cell Tower (Noel Wein Site)  
**POSITION:** Opposed / Request for Deferral and Site Relocation

### I. Direct Statement of Opposition

My name is [Your Name], and I am a resident of the [Moose Meadows / Benka / Noel Wein] area. I am testifying today in strong opposition to the permit request for the proposed 125-foot privately owned, for-profit cell tower on Noel Wein. While our community fully acknowledges and supports the need for improved cellular service, we object to this specific location due to its severe proximity to residential housing and a profound lack of community notification.

### II. Critical Procedural Violations (Lack of Due Process)

The developer has completely bypassed standard community engagement protocols. Our community council was never formally notified of this proposal, and a substantial majority of immediately adjacent homeowners were left entirely in the dark. Granting a permit under these conditions deprives residents of their right to review, question, and understand infrastructure changes that directly impact their private property. This body should defer any decision until the developer conducts proper, transparent outreach.

### III. Direct Residential Impacts

Placing a massive 125-foot industrial structure in the immediate proximity of family homes introduces severe long-term negative impacts:

- **Aesthetic and Light Pollution:** Continuous flashing FAA safety lights will directly disrupt the dark skies and residential peace of nearby homes.
- **Operational Disturbance:** Ongoing noise and physical vibrations from back-up power generators will create a constant auditory nuisance in an otherwise quiet neighborhood.
- **Economic Injury:** Placing an industrial tower adjacent to residential properties causes immediate and permanent property devaluation for nearby homeowners.
- **Safety and Environmental Concerns:** The community harbors valid anxieties regarding environmental impacts and proximal radiofrequency (RF) radiation exposure near family living spaces.

### IV. Viable Alternative Solutions

Opposition to this site is not an opposition to connectivity. The developer has failed to demonstrate that this residential lot is the only viable engineering option. There are multiple alternative, strictly commercialized sites in the surrounding area that could host this equipment. Furthermore, the developer should be forced to thoroughly investigate co-location and sharing upgrades on several existing nearby towers before being permitted to break ground on a new, invasive footprint.

## **V. Conclusion and Action Requested**

I urge the commission to deny this permit request or, at minimum, table the decision until a full community council review is conducted. The developer must be directed to relocate this infrastructure away from residential zoning and into an appropriate commercial or existing utility corridor.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the local homeowners.

Cory Crawford

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Krystal Crawford <kj.crawford907@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 9:17 PM  
**To:** Natasha Grover  
**Subject:** OPPOSE: Conditional use permit request, Noel Wein cell tower

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My name is Krystal Crawford, and I am a resident of Moose Meadows and have had property in this subdivision for more than 13 years. I adamantly oppose the 125-foot privately owned cell tower proposed for Noel Wein.

While our neighborhood may supports better cell service, we do not support placing a tower of this size so close to family homes. It is alarming that our community was not properly informed of this potential behemoth, with many people finding out mere days before the public hearing. Our community council was never notified, and many of the homeowners who will be most affected learned about this proposal via informal social media posts. Residents deserve the opportunity to understand and provide input on a project that will directly impact their neighborhood for decades to come.

This location raises several serious concerns. A 125-foot tower with flashing FAA lights will permanently change the character of our neighborhood. Backup generators will introduce additional noise, nearby property values could be negatively affected, and many residents have concerns about the environmental and health impacts of placing this infrastructure so close to our homes and cabins.

We are not opposed to improved cellular coverage. We simply believe there are better alternatives than rushing through a private for-profit tower. Before approving a new tower in a residential area, the developer should demonstrate that commercial locations or existing towers cannot meet the need.

I respectfully ask the commission to deny this permit or postpone its decision until the community has been properly notified, educated on the details, and given the opportunity to participate in the process. Our neighborhood deserves transparency and thoughtful consideration before a project of this scale moves forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Krystal Crawford

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