

Assessing the Economic Impact of Project: 202102816-CU on a Third Generation Family Farm

Submitted To

The Commissioners of Ada County, Idaho

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# ABOUT THE FARM

Good Life Farms is a 20-acre farmstead in Eagle, Idaho. Our growing method is all-natural, low waste, and nutrition-centric. What this means is that we grow without pesticides or fungicides, and rely instead on compost from our organic materials, manure, and vermi-compost. All of our plants are grown on the property from certified organic seeds. We produce pasture-raised eggs and vegetables of over 30 edible varieties.



We took over a third generation family farm in 2020 with the purpose of feeding ourselves, our loved ones, and any neighbors with a desire to forge an honest relationship with their food and the people who grow it. Our name embodies what we want for ourselves, our animals, and members of our community: a simple, honest, well-lived life. We value quality over quantity, and strive to provide each of our subscribers with an intimate opportunity to understand exactly where their food came from.

Our growing season begins around mid-May and runs until mid-October. Each week, we stock our online shop with veggies and eggs that are available for pick up at the farm the following Monday. Our customers are invited to roam around our property, learn about our growing methods, and enjoy the farm.

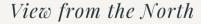
As of August 12, 2022, Good Life Farms markets and sells to a subscriber base of 374 unique individuals in the local Eagle community.

# ABOUT THE TOWER

Project: 202102816-CU proposes the erection of a 100' + cell phone tower in an agricultural field directly across from our farm. Simulations produced by the applicant have attempted to demonstrate minimal impact by displaying the view tower from approximately .25 miles to the South and to the North of the proposed site.



View from the South





#### ABOUT THE TOWER

What the applicant has failed to include in the proposal for Project: 202102816-CU is an assessment of the economic impact this tower could have on Good Life Farms, LLC, an existing local business. The image below is a simulation of what the tower will look like from the farm.



View from our Farm

#### THE ARGUMENTS



A 100' cell tower will inhibit our ability to sell all natural vegetables and eggs.

Contentious and divisive conversations surround cell towers. Our goal is not to argue whether they are good or bad, but to demonstrate that the perceptions that surround them do not lend themselves to the success of a family-owned, all natural farm.

Specifically, individuals who consume organic produce are health-conscious and highly skeptical of any elements that stand to degrade "clean" growing methods.

Erecting a cell tower across from our farm will deter our customer base from purchasing our products and render our business unprofitable.



Local interest in this tower has not yet been assessed. If asked, we anticipate that the overwhelming majority of residents in the Eagle community would be against this tower.

A 100' cell tower is inherently counter to the values of the local Eagle community. Individuals who live in this area are here because they are interested in a slower, more natural pace of life. Being close to agriculture and a sustainable network of local farms, wineries and apiaries is a unique and highly attractive selling point for Eagle, Idaho. For most of the residents in our community, enhancing cell phone service is simply not a priority.

#### THE SURVEY

To ground the arguments on page 6, we conducted an anonymous survey of the 374 local subscribers of Good Life Farms. Respondents were prompted to "Submit Feedback Regarding a 100' Cell Tower Next to Good Life Farms" by answering three short, optional questions. The questions were as follows:



Would you purchase and consume organic vegetables from Good Life Farms if they were grown near a 100' cell tower?

Selectable options were "YES" or "NO".



As a resident of Ada County, Idaho, which of these two options is more important to your life and livelihood?

Selectable options were "Better cell phone reception" or "An open, rural landscape that supports local, organic agriculture".



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This was an open-ended text field where respondents could add unfiltered commentary.

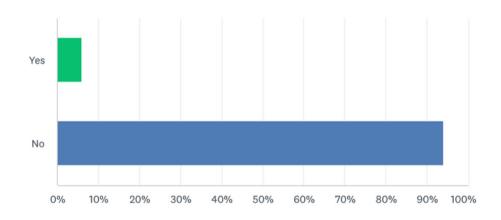
Within 7 days, we received 134 responses with a 100% completion rate from the 347 subscribers who were asked to participate in our study. The typical time spent on our survey was 1 minute and 19 seconds.

We summarize responses to each individual question below.



Would you purchase and consume organic vegetables from Good Life Farms if they were grown near a 100' cell tower?

Answered: 134 Skipped: 1

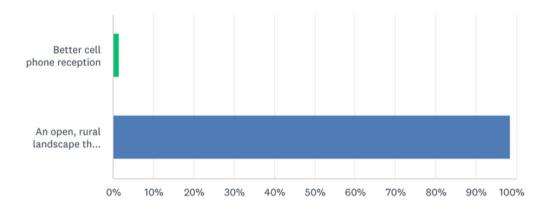


ANSWER CHOICES ▼	RESPONSES	-
▼ Yes	5.97%	8
▼ No	94.03%	126
TOTAL		134

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As a resident of Ada County, Idaho, which of these two options is more important to your life and livelihood?

Answered: 134 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	•
▼ Better cell phone reception	1.49%	2
<ul> <li>An open, rural landscape that supports local, organic agriculture</li> </ul>	98.51%	132
TOTAL		134

View respondent's answers

Add tags▼

### THE RESULTS

We received 92 unique responses to question 3. Only 1 was in support of the tower. For readers who would like to read each individual comment, please see the Appendix on pages 13–31. Here, we provide three short responses that encapsulate the sentiments of this survey:

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#### CONCLUSION



A 100' cell tower will inhibit our ability to sell all natural vegetables and eggs.

94% of the 134 subscribers who responded to our poll indicated that they would no longer purchase vegetables and eggs from Good Life Farms if our growing area is next to a cell phone tower (n = 125). Losing these 125 customers alone would be a devastating loss to our business, rendering Good Life Farms unable to survive.

Extrapolating this figure to our larger customer base of 347 total subscribers, a 94% reduction in the Good Life Farms represents loss of 326 total customers.

A loss of this magnitude will result in financial hardship for our family, the closure of Good Life Farms, and a likely inability to cover the mortgage, taxes and insurance required to keep our property.



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98.5% of respondents polled value an open, rural landscape above cell phone service and are against this tower. The applicants have failed to prove that the local community finds this tower to be minimally impactful to or desired by the residents of Eagle, Idaho.

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Cell phone towers dont look bad and affect food. 8/12/2022 2:31 PM	View respondent's answers	Add tags▼

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Showing 89 responses Our choice to live on Beacon Light in Eagle directly conflicts with everything a 5G tower will bring. It's a completely unnecessary eyesore that will egregiously impact our quality of life and significantly contribute to our consideration to relocate out of the town of Eagle. My family and I could not be more against this preposterous proposal. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/12/2022 9:49 AM There are very few wide open spaces and farmland spaces remaining in eagle and Ada county, and we should preserve those spaces. A large cell tower (like the one proposed) is an eye sore and simply doesn't belong. Please help us preserve these spaces. There is simply no need for a giant cell tower in this area. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/11/2022 8:38 PM We moved to Eagle because of the proximity of open fields, animals and farming, not for technology. 8/11/2022 7:30 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ I chose to live in Eagle because it was AWAY from the hustle and bustle of city life. Please keep it that way. If people need better cell coverage, this is not the community for them! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/11/2022 6:38 PM That area of Eagle is not appropriate for a 5g tower at all. It's an area in Eagle that residents choose because of the rural surroundings. There is no need for a tower in this area. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/11/2022 5:39 PM

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Showing 89 responses We all know that Eagle has bad cell reception but why put a cell tower in an area such as this? It makes no sense. Don't ruin the best part of Eagle. View respondent's answers 8/11/2022 5:09 PM Add tags▼ Please don't do this. Phone service does not outweigh the quality of life and natural food sources this valley naturally possesses. We live here and we don't want this!! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/11/2022 4:53 PM We chose to live in this area to avoid massive growth. We value the open rural landscape and love the benefits it brings with being able to get local fresh produce. A cell tower would be detrimental to this way of life! 8/11/2022 3:09 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ No farms, no food. 8/11/2022 3:08 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ We did not buy a property off of flicker due to the proposed tower 8/11/2022 3:05 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼

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Answered: 89 Skipped: 39 Showing 89 responses There is so much opposition to this. Why would the government not listen? They are hired by and work for us. It's just not okay. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/11/2022 7:30 AM The last on that was put into a residential area in eagle (not too far from there) cause home values to drop, and I am pretty sure there is an ongoing investigation/lawsuit on multiple homeowners getting cancer after the installation of the tower. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/11/2022 7:21 AM PLEASE do NOT put this tower up in Eagle! We moved here for the rural & healthy setting and that does NOT include a 5G tower that would be a detriment to so many! When we want what the big city has to offer, we can easily and quickly drive there. But where we live is NOT a big metropolis that has to include these new towers. Please we beg of you, do NOT put this tower here in Eagle but especially NOT close to a local farm that works so hard to supply us with healthy organic produce! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 11:55 PM 5G cell towers are known to not only effect organic farming, they have also been proven to damage humans. WE DO NOT WANT THE TOWER NEAR OUR HOME OR NEAR OUR GOOD LIFE FARM!!!! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 11:31 PM We want to keep part of Eagle rural. We don't need 5G. It is not necessary and has known negative health concerns for both humans and animals. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 11:24 PM

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Showing 89 responses Quit putting 5G towers in our county! Period! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 11:20 PM A 100' cell tower would ruin the the last area of Eagle that is rural and create an unsightly and unnecessary visual disaster. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 11:18 PM Agree with last survey question. We moved to this area, the fringe of town to get away from the industrial complex. Move it to the hwy 16. our vote is no tower View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 11:07 PM One the biggest attractions to Ada County and the Eagle area in particular is the local, organic agriculture we have access to as a family. 8/10/2022 10:52 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ This tower would be 1/2 mile from our home and would almost certainly warrant us to move which is heartbreaking. We love our community, our neighbors and the rural mix of Eagle but we will not compromise our health with 5G that has proven to be extremely harmful and simply not necessary. View respondent's answers 8/10/2022 10:45 PM Add tags▼

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Showing 89 responses we used to live between two 5g cell towers and our health suffered. please keep some of our community tower-free! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 10:24 PM As a resident of eagle I am vehemently opposed to putting a 5G tower near Goodlife farms or my home. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 10:23 PM Sincerely hoping that there is a balance coming between agriculture and technology, with a clear eye to distancing from questionable issues like 5G. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 10:21 PM I moved here to live in an environment where people value independence and clean living. I know agriculture is slowly moving out because of residential development, and it's vital to keep as much agriculture here as we can to preserve a lifestyle and environment rooted in connection to the land and harmony/health. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 10:14 PM We specifically moved here because of the minimal 5G towers. My health suffered greatly in a community where a 5G tower was installed near our last home. This would be devastating not only to our family but also to the community. We purchase food from Good Life Farms and it would change a lot. 8/10/2022 10:04 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼

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Showing 89 responses We love here for the beautiful sense we are still rural, and living life to the fullest...not having our lives cut short View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 8:54 PM Whatever is proper for Good Life Farms to prosper, we support. Keep Idaho rural! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 8:52 PM We chose to move to Eagle to have a safer place for our children to grow up. We want the simple things in life and local, organic, safe foods are at the top of the list. If we wanted faster internet connection we would've stayed where we were. Please don't add to all the dangerous things affecting the health of our families. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 8:48 PM Please do not put this tower up!! We have major concerns for our personal health and well being and this would be devastating to our community. Please do not let this happen!! Thanks, Rachel volk homestead community 8/10/2022 8:38 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ NO CELL TOWERS IN NORTH EAGLE PLEASE! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 8:36 PM

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Answered: 89 Skipped: 39 Showing 89 responses In an effort to raise my children in a more rural area as well as eat from local farms in my community, I strongly oppose the addition of a 5G cell tower near where we live and eat. It goes against the reason why we live here. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 8:27 PM We must prioritize our health over technology! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 8:22 PM This tower is way too close to Homestead, Eagle Mountain Estates and Lilac Springs.....no way! View respondent's answers 8/10/2022 8:20 PM Add tags▼ Surely there must be a better location for a cell tower than overlooking one of the few remaining organic agricultural fields left in Eagle. Thanks 8/10/2022 8:17 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ We choose to move to Ada county for its small town, rural feel. We want to raise our children to understand the importance of buying locally grown fresh organic foods and to support local farms. A cell tower next to an organic farm seems counter intuitive and will no doughtily affect the farms business. View respondent's answers 8/10/2022 8:13 PM Add tags▼

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Answered: 89 Skipped: 39 Showing 89 responses Eagle does NOT need another 5g tower. It's absolutely ridiculous they keep popping up everywhere. Not only are they completely unsightly but the health effects are still unknown. Don't ruin this wonderful small organic farm but possibly ruining everything around it. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 8:12 PM Too much growth in Ada county, it ruins quality of life 8/10/2022 8:06 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ Given the potential hazards of 5G I'm strongly against additional towers in the area. Rural Eagle is already slowly being transformed by development and adding a 5G tower would further change the landscape of an area that should remain largely open space, acreage properties, and ag land. I live on Eagle and Floating Feather and am 100% against this tower. This will impact quality of our life in this county negatively View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 8:04 PM This should be placed somewhere else where there is open land. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:54 PM We just want to support the preservation of growing and consuming food as this earth intended, without unresearched interference of cell towers as well as the disruption of local communities that are communicating just fine without added 5G reception. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:53 PM

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Answered: 89 Skipped: 39 Showing 89 responses Which do we need most? Can't a cell tower be placed in the middle of the Ada County Commissioner's backyard instead? Seriously ya'll. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:44 PM I honestly can't believe that as a resident of Homestead this is the first time I'm being asked about my feelings on a cell tower right by my home. I have driven by the classic white sign (ironically with 12 point font size, as if anyone on Beacon Light can safely pull over and have a quick read). It's almost as if Ada County does not want its residents to know about new development projects. That being said, I SUPPORT GOOD LIFE FARMS. Save their business, and kill the stupid tower. It's so obviously what EVERYONE in our community wants. Maybe for once you could protect local interests. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:41 PM We came to this area to get away from the toxicity of urban life, in many forms, including cell towers. It is concerning to see how many 5G cell towers are springing up, but seriously, does one of the last agricultural areas in Eagle need a 5G cell tower? Have the Ada County Commissioners gone to all the residents of the area, and presented them with real information about what the 5G cell tower actually give them, and also real information about what are the potential risks from a 5G cell tower? If so, we would love to see their presentation, and the results of their survey! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:35 PM Let's get back to what is important for our future family, children, community and environment. Farming should be the mainstay for everyone. We can certainly do without more cell phone towers, 5G or otherwise. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:33 PM

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Answered: 89 Skipped: 39 Showing 89 responses There are other places that should be used for this tower View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:28 PM A proposed installation of a cell tower in the middle of or adjacent to a known and productive organic agricultural area is clearly an egregious oversight. This oversight can be construed as an act against the local farmer(s) and/or the community at large. Who do the County Commissioners serve? Big developers who threaten the livelihood of organic farmers? Or are they abandoning the community the committed to serve and protect from a situation exactly like this - installing a cell tower? View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:20 PM Farmers are a vital part of our country and lives. Without farmers food shortages would skyrocket as well as health concerns. The industrialization of more and more farmland is leading us to less crops/livestock as well as poor nutrition. Not only are our bodies and environment affected but also our economy and independence as a country. No farms, no food. Simple as that. View respondent's answers 8/10/2022 7:16 PM Add tags▼ I believe the value of life is increased with access to local, organically grown food. This provides value to the entire community (potential jobs, keeping revenue in the community, healthier options for the community). Did you know that you will need to buy a new phone built to take advantage of those high-band airwaves and a service provider. Will there be a greater value by having better cell phone reception where cell reception actually already exists? I cannot see the value trade being equal here. However, you may potentially lose important agricultural businesses if they lose land or move all for those (who are they?) who choose to upgrade to 5G (because it is optional at this point). Adding more towers could potentially affect or harm ecosystems all over the world because it does disrupt the land. 5G may also increase phone bills. Finally, not enough time has passed for anyone to know or understand the true ramifications of these 5G cell towers to our economy, our land, and our health. In fact, if one was put up near me, I would consider moving. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:16 PM

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Answered: 89 Skipped: 39 Showing 89 responses I would never have bought our home where we did if we knew there would be a cell tower put in at this location View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:09 PM I would not purchase produce from a farm that was located near a 5g tower. I do not feel its safe. View respondent's answers 8/10/2022 7:05 PM Add tags▼ We love the farms around us, and would like to see them preserved and protected!! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:05 PM Gosh this makes me upset for you guys! Just love your farm to much. This is just so frustrating I'm sure for you View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:04 PM No 5G ever! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 7:04 PM Preserving farmland is of utmost importance! 8/10/2022 7:04 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼

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Answered: 89 Skipped: 39 Showing 89 responses Keep the farmland from being contaminated from 5G. Very harmful emissions. Thank you. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 6:56 PM No 5G tower!!! 8/10/2022 6:56 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ Please leave our farmland and agrigultural areas untouched. This is why so many of us live in this beautiful county/town. View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 6:55 PM Our cell service and data are fine. No need for this tower! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 6:55 PM "There is more to life than increasing its speed." - Mahatma Gandhi 8/10/2022 6:54 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ This is senseless and unnecessary. Leave Idaho's agriculture alone! View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 6:53 PM

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Showing 89 responses The first thing that attracted me to purchase a home in Eagle was the fact that residents had successfully fought the installation View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 6:53 PM A study by The Telegraph shows EMF are harmful to wildlife and vegetation https://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2018/05/17/electromagnetic-radiation-power-lines-phone-masts-poses-credible/ . If this is behind a paywall, see https://www.organiclifestylemagazine.com/study-shows-cell-phone-towers-harmful-to-animals-plants-5gwill-be-much-worse View respondent's answers Add tags▼ 8/10/2022 6:53 PM No more cancer towers! 8/10/2022 6:52 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼ Good Life Farms is an honest business run by two third generation farmers. It would be a massive loss to the Eagle community to see their farm suffer from lack of support because people won't eat veggies grown next to an unnecessary cel tower. I love them and support their business as much as I can but I wouldn't feed my family food that was grown that close to a tower. It's just sad that this is even an option that Ada County is considering. 8/10/2022 6:48 PM View respondent's answers Add tags▼

# LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Brittany Giudici 2777 N. Camerton Place Eagle, ID 83616 bgiudici@microsoft.com

August 15, 2022

Ada County Commissioner 200 West Front Street Boise, ID 83702

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing in regard to project 202102816-CU, a 5G cell tower monstrosity that is proposed to be installed on farmland down the road from my home. The location of this tower is supposed to be across the street from Good Life Farms, our local, organic vegetable farm and egg provider. This installation would egregiously deteriorate the public health and safety of our residents and could not be further from maintaining and protecting the rural lifestyle of the Eagle foothills.

Further, from a consumer's perspective, the local community will not buy organic goods off of a property that are grown in the shadow of a cell tower. The installation of said tower almost certainly guarantees that a local small business, Good Life Farms, is no longer able to operate, due to what would be an embarrassingly poor decision and very public failure by our elected officials.

Legislation states that cellular towers are supposed to be erected where there is a significant gap in wireless coverage. I work entirely remotely for Microsoft. My role, in short, entails running communications for our global Cybersecurity division, comprised of thousands of colleagues all over the world. If cellular coverage was an issue for Eagle, my ability to work 100% remotely, leading calls all day and evening, would cease to exist. I recently took a two hour call, uninterrupted, whilst hiking in the foothills. Our current cell coverage is more than sufficient.

My family and I choose to live in Eagle because we prioritize locations that offer rural landscapes and a natural lifestyle. We also choose to reside and pay taxes in communities where the local businesses are supported, not driven out. I am vehemently against the installation of a cell tower at any point in the Eagle foothills and when given the opportunity, will vote against any official who supports the destruction of our local community and the small businesses that are at the heart of it.

Brittany Giudici Director of Communications Microsoft August 16, 2022

Dear Ada County Commissioners,

We are writing this letter in regard to the 5G tower proposal under Project 202102816-CU. We urge you to rethink the location of this tower. This is not something that is wanted by the surrounding Eagle community. We moved here specifically to be in a more rural, agriculture, less toxic environment and reduce our EMF exposure. This 5G tower is very concerning and deserves further consideration.

We love that we are able to buy organic vegetables and eggs from local farmers such as Good Life Farms. We firmly believe that EMF exposure negatively impacts the environment and people in close proximity to 5G towers. We would not be able to buy our produce from Good Life Farms if this tower is constructed.

Based on our research of land use approvals, towers are to be erected by the least intrusive means. The tower's location is intrusive because whether physical or perceived it damages Good Life Farms reputation and business. We also have not seen convincing evidence that this tower fixes a gap in coverage; which is another criteria for approval.

This area of Eagle is growing and it is impossible to keep it all rural, but many properties are still zoned agriculture, therefore we believe there is a responsibility to respect this land use and reject the proposed project.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom and Melissa Schappacher

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August 23, 2022

#### To: Ada County Commissioners,

Regarding the Proposed 5G tower / Project 202102816-CU / Eagle , Idaho

This proposed tower is not in the best interest of the citizens of Eagle or the people who depend on fresh food from *Good Life Farms*.

A 5G tower in proximity to <u>Good Life Farms</u> is disturbing, offensive, and intrusive. This tower would be devastating to <u>Good Life Farms</u> and the other rural businesses in this area. The cell signal in this area works fine. The people in this area are concerned with maintaining a rural landscape and life style. They are not concerned with 5G. I suspect that someone or some company stands to make a handsome profit off this tower and it's not the citizens of Eagle, and definitely not the customers of <u>Good Life Farms</u>.

Please withdraw or cancel this project.

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