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Mr. Jeff Ruch  
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Dear Mr. Ruch:

This is a response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 19, 2004, requesting records and/or documents detailing the number and location of cell tower or mobile telecommunication antennas within units of the National Park Service (NPS).

The FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552, generally provides that the Government shall make documents available to the public for inspection and copying to the widest extent possible. Certain classes of documents, however, may be exempt if sound legal grounds exist for invoking an exemption. The FOIA does not require that new records be created in response to a request and only applies to records in existence at the time of the request.

At the present time there is no database or inventory of cell sites or telecommunication equipment permitted in units of the NPS.

You also requested a copy of an antenna/tower management plan currently in effect in any unit of the National Park System. Enclosed is *Guidelines for the Siting, Design, Construction and Operation of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (WTF) in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area*, approved by the Acting General Superintendent on June 13, 2003.

Sincerely,

Karen Taylor-Goodrich  
Associate Director  
Visitor and Resource Protection

Enclosure