



Preserving America's Heritage

June 2, 2004

Ms. Suzanne Lewis
Superintendent
Yellowstone National Park
P.O. Box 168
Yellowstone NP, WY 82190

REF: *Old Faithful Cellular Communications Site*

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have received a request from a member of the public to investigate the effects of a cell tower on the Old Faithful Historic District. Based on a January 7, 2004, letter sent to you from the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), we understand that the cell tower is not consistent with the alternative reviewed and supported by the SHPO and approved by NPS. Specifically, NPS was to ensure the construction of the cell tower in accordance with Alternative D of the environmental assessment to achieve no adverse effect on the historic district. Evidently, the tower that was constructed is inconsistent with the design described at Alternative D, and adversely affects the historic district's integrity of setting.

We understand that NPS has not responded to the SHPO's letter requesting NPS to consider measures that would eliminate the adverse visual effect of the tower. We urge you to do so, and to include the ACHP in any discussions regarding this matter. Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.9(a), we also request that NPS provide us with an explanation of how the tower was constructed inconsistent with the design proposed by Alternative D, and what steps will be taken to prevent future inconsistencies between proposed facility designs and actual facilities.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Alan Stanfill at (303) 969-6110 or Email to astanfill@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

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