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Comments: I have been in the mt top communications industry for 46 years and am the technical officer for Josephine County Oregon, Emergency communication group. Much of the radio equipment housed in these types of facilities are of a critical concern. Dozens of federal, state, county and city agencies along with cellular carriers, FM broadcast translators, etc. all of which serve the public need, must co-exist in a safe, hardened, interference free condition while surviving in this extremely harsh environment, including lightening. This requires todays technologies for grounding, newer towers, space in the buildings for filters and batteries or generators for when the power is out and we need these services most.

The USFS and dept of Forestry department of Forestry are often amongst these users and are needed more than ever during the increased needs of fire support.

Very little impact is required to replace the existing building and tower on this flat, barren ground.

I recommend granting these requests for the upgrades.....from 50 years ago.