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Comments: To whom is concerned:

As a Snowmass resident and a long time visitor and skier of the Aspen Ski area I am very much in favor of installing cell towers across the ski areas, as proposed by Aspen Skiing Co. The installation of these towers is a crucial step toward enhancing safety and improving emergency access for everyone on the slopes.

As a family we encountered multiple situations over the last years where it has been difficult to exchange basic logistical topics I am not even talking about the the ability to make a phone call or send a text message in an emergency can be the difference between life and death, especially in areas where ski patrols and first responders might face delays.

It looks like the installation of the towers will provide essential communication capabilities that can aid in the quick location and rescue of injured or lost skiers, thereby enhancing the overall safety of the ski areas.

While I understand concerns about the visual impact of the towers, the benefits to public safety and communication far outweigh these concerns. SkiCo's efforts to integrate the towers into the environment by using materials and finishes that blend with the surroundings demonstrate a commitment to minimizing visual disruption.

Moreover, improved cell service will not only enhance safety but also provide convenience for visitors who expect reliable communication in today's connected world. Whether for emergencies, navigation, or staying connected with family and friends, strong cell service is increasingly expected by visitors and can significantly enhance their experience at the ski resort. We are always wondering who such a high end resort is offering such a poor cell phone service.

If I understand well that there is also a potential revenue generated from leasing space on these towers to telecommunications companies that should be viewed as a positive outcome.

In conclusion, the installation of these cell towers is a necessary investment in the safety and satisfaction of visitors and employees to Aspen's ski areas. I fully support this initiative and urge the Pitkin County Planning & Zoning Commission to approve the project, considering the long-term benefits it offers to both residents and visitors.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.