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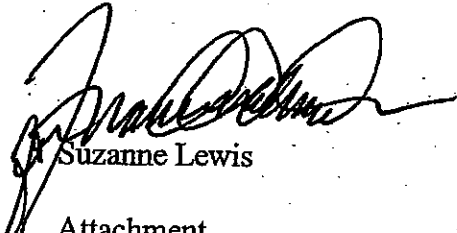
From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Old Faithful Cell Tower Project

The purpose of this memorandum is to document a decision that came about during Yellowstone National Park's evaluation of the Old Faithful Cell Tower. The tower is located at the water tank site south of the Government area. The existing cell tower was constructed after an Environmental Assessment was completed in August 1999.

Due to negative visual impacts and comments from the public, it has been decided that the tower should be modified by removal of the top 20-foot section of the monopole. Removal of this section would reduce the number of locations where the tower breaks over the horizon and is seen against the sky. This will improve the viewshed, as demonstrated by the attached digitized photos, and bring the tower into compliance with the existing EA and FONSI.

The removal of the tower section should take place as soon as possible in the spring or early summer of 2005.



Suzanne Lewis

Attachment