

# What can you do to help?

Even though the Snohomish County Council has approved S-R Broadcasting Co.'s request to build four towers in the Snohomish Valley, the FCC has not issued a construction permit. And the County has not yet approved the request for another two towers.

It is not too late for you to help stop the building of a "radio antenna farm" in the middle of Snohomish's beautiful agricultural and recreational valley. Here are several things you can do to help:

#### Write to the FCC:

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals 11  
445 - 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Attn: Mr. Michael Wagner  
Audio Division, Media Bureau

Email the FCC at [Michael.Wagner@fcc.gov](mailto:Michael.Wagner@fcc.gov)

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[www.geocities.com/snohomishstewards](http://www.geocities.com/snohomishstewards)

#### Write to Snohomish County Council:

3000 Rockefeller Ave. M/S 609  
Everett, WA 98201  
425-388-3494

E-mail: [county.council@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:county.council@co.snohomish.wa.us)

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#### Write to Snohomish County Executive, Aaron Reardon

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425-388-3460

E-mail: [county.executive@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:county.executive@co.snohomish.wa.us)

- ❖ Write letters to newspaper editors
- ❖ Attend public hearings and voice your opposition to the towers
- ❖ Learn more: go to [www.geocities.com/cpusrv](http://www.geocities.com/cpusrv)
- ❖ Talk to your friends and neighbors
- ❖ Allow us to put a sign in your yard
- ❖ Contact the Stewards of the Land and Community at [www.geocities.com/snohomishstewards](http://www.geocities.com/snohomishstewards)
- ❖ Message phone 425-210-4141

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On February 19, 2008, a federal court of appeals ruled that the FCC must consider the environmental impacts of towers - especially on migratory bird populations. The proposed site for radio towers in Snohomish Valley is stunningly inappropriate. The site is right in the middle of a major migratory path for waterfowl, including tens of thousands of ducks, geese, and swans that winter in the valley. The towers will harm birds as they migrate through the area and as they travel to and from the adjacent regional park roost site and agricultural foraging grounds.

# Scientific studies find that children exposed to Radiofrequency Radiation may be twice as likely to develop leukemia.



Artist's simulation of radio towers at the proposed site between Lord Hill Park and Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve.

## Is it really worth the gamble?

S-R Broadcasting (KRKO Radio) has already received Snohomish County Council approval to build four broadcast towers—right in the middle of natural preservation areas in the Snohomish Valley. Even before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has had a chance to rule on the four-tower request, the County has been asked to approve two additional towers for the 40-acre site.

*Studies finding a connection between radiofrequency radiation and leukemia indicate that children within six kilometers (3.7 miles) of AM radio towers are at risk.*

Snohomish County Hearing Examiner, Ed Good: "Within six kilometers (3.7 miles) of the subject antennas are Valley View Junior High School, Snohomish High School, Cathcart Elementary, Emerson Elementary, Snohomish Freshman Campus and new high school and elementary facilities on Cathcart Way. The city of Snohomish is within that range." (November 30, 2007, page 5, finding 1.)

**If you received this brochure in the mail, you are within 3.7 miles of the towers.**

# Why are experts, elected officials, and your neighbors opposed to radio towers in our Valley?



**Washington State Department of Health retiree Dr. Samuel Milham:** "There is ample evidence that broadcast towers cause cancer and other adverse health effects. Scientists have documented the effects of radiofrequency radiation and electromagnetic fields in numerous studies over the last 40 years. Building broadcast antennas in the Valley so close to homes and schools is not a wise decision in terms of public health."



**Systems Engineer Brad Gommoll:** "FCC-specified guidelines for human exposure to radiofrequency radiation limit people working on active towers to six minutes and passersby to 30 minutes because high intensity exposure can heat the cells of your body."



**Registered Structural Engineer Al Highberger:** "The possible long-term effects of radio frequency radiation are very disturbing. The FCC only regulates to protect against 30-minute, high intensity exposures within just a few meters of a tower and does not take into account studies associating long-term radio frequency radiation exposure with an increased risk of leukemia within a radius of 3.7 miles from radio tower sites."



**Citizens to Preserve the Upper Snohomish River Valley President Lee Bennett:** "CPUSRV has been concerned about KRKO erecting towers in this location since before 2001. When the 2003 County Council twice overruled the objections of their Hearing Examiners, the human health dangers were not considered. Now new knowledge, together with electronic interference, wildlife impact, scenic, property value, and agricultural issues make these towers an unacceptable liability for the County."



**Friends of Lord Hill member Gail Blaske:** "I have lived on Lord Hill and have been a horseback rider here for 25 years and I'm a member of the mounted patrol for Friends of Lord Hill. The beautiful surroundings with uninterrupted views are one of the reasons we live here. The towers would interfere with use of the nature preserve and the regional Lord Hill Park for all outdoor enthusiasts to say nothing of the health issues involved."



**Snohomish County Program Director for Pilchuck Audubon Society and Futurewise, Kristin Kelly:** "The FCC and Snohomish County encourages co-location of towers. Once six towers are built in the Valley, more are likely to follow. Studies prove that such large towers are hazards for wildlife. Building towers in the Valley is terribly short-sighted, very poor use of ag land."



**Lord Hill Resident Kim Brook:** "It's hard to imagine a more inappropriate location. The tower site lies directly between the 1500-acre Lord Hill Park and the 343-acre Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve."



**State Representative Liz Loomis:** "Farmland needs to be preserved for agriculture. We are losing too much of it to development."



**Snohomish Resident Angela Day:** "The County has already appropriated \$273,500 on attorneys to defend S-R Broadcasting and CAAM Partnership's application to build radio towers in the Valley. What is the County doing spending public funds to defend an application made by a private company? It's bad enough we'll be exposed to the health risks-being forced to pay to make it happen is clearly not in the best interest of any citizen of Snohomish County."



**Snohomish Farmer Albert Postema:** "My family and I farm the land next door to the proposed KRKO tower cluster. How is it possible that my neighbor can get approval to build something that might give me or my children leukemia? How could people we've elected to represent us approve a 100,000-watt tower cluster on farmland so close to town? Something is seriously wrong when a reckless proposal putting our children's health at risk gets government approval."



**Snohomish Farmer Don Bailey:** "Farming in Snohomish County is changing. Today, there is more emphasis on direct marketing. People from the city come out to our farm to pick fresh vegetables and enjoy a farm experience, not to look at fields of radio towers."



**Snohomish Farmer Mark Craven:** "We need to stop these towers. They will cause negative impacts to our farms and agriculture in the area. Please help us save our beautiful Snohomish River Valley and our farms for future generations."



**Mother of Valley View Middle School Student, Chanda Sperry:** "I am very concerned about my daughter attending school so close to a broadcast antenna farm. If radiofrequency radiation is associated with childhood leukemia and other health problems, why would our government allow the towers so close to a school? As a parent, I'm forced to either knowingly expose my daughter to something that might give her cancer, or change schools."



**Snohomish Resident Marla Lucas:** "I think much more research needs to be done on the health effects of constant bombardment by 100,000 watts of electromagnetic radiation. The towers should not be built if there is any indication of adverse effects on the people in the vicinity."



**Wildlife Biologist Martha Jordan:** "These proposed radio towers are in a major migratory path for waterfowl, including tens of thousands of ducks, geese, and swans that winter here. The birds' flight paths take them directly through the tower site on a daily basis. The towers will harm birds as they migrate through the area and as they travel to and from the adjacent regional park roost site and agricultural foraging grounds."



**Snohomish City Council Member Karen Guzak:** "I have serious concerns about the towers' long-term health impact on our citizens. There is other land available for the Skotland towers that would not have such a negative impact."



**Snohomish City Council Member Melody Clemans:** "Because there is enough published evidence to raise serious long-term health concerns for our families and children if these towers are built, I oppose their construction in such close proximity to our Snohomish Valley and City of Snohomish."



**Naturalist and Historian Bob Heirman:** "This valley is a treasure to our community. Building broadcast towers would hurt the quality of life and health for all who call this valley home. This proposed project is simply not in the public interest."



**Microsoft Manager Candace McKenna:** "Even if there is scientific disagreement, any objective person would agree that when it comes to the health of our children, we should apply the scientific 'precautionary principle'—when the scientific evidence is inconclusive, we should err on the side of caution while the scientific studies continue."



**Kenwanda Golf Course Owners Curtis and Vicki Creighton:** "We chose to work at a business that overlooks the Snohomish River Valley, and we chose to send our children to Valley View Middle School. But we didn't choose to expose our kids to radiation. We resent being told we have no choice when it comes to exposing them to something that might give them cancer."

**Professional Electrical Engineer Robert A. McClanathan:** "The most alarming concern will be the high electric fields on your homes and nearby schools. I would not live or have a business in any area where AM radio electric fields are greater than 1 V/M. The predicted total electric field during daytime near these towers is more than 13 V/M! If I lived in the immediate vicinity of these two new AM radio stations, I would sell and move out."