



## LAKE TAHOE LAWSUIT UPDATE

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We have before us a rare opportunity to win a landmark federal lawsuit against the telecom industry.

For years, dedicated public health and environmental activists have undertaken Herculean efforts to challenge the placement of inappropriately sited wireless infrastructure near homes and schools. While activists have had some success in defeating specific proposed installations, we need some big legal wins under our belt to change the nature of telecom's game.

The South Lake Tahoe federal lawsuit is the one that could do it.

More than 100 unregulated, radiation-emitting 5G antennas have already been installed throughout the area and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) wants to approve the construction of a 112-foot Verizon cell tower smack in the middle of a beloved bald eagle habitat!

Thanks to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, environmental concerns cannot usually be considered by the courts when it comes to wireless infrastructure. But because Tahoe is a federally protected area, the state preemption rules imposed by the Telecommunications Act do not apply. Thus, environmental concerns related to wireless telecommunications facilities *can — for the first time —* be considered in federal court.

On November 24, 2020, a legal team from the National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy (NISLAPP) filed a lawsuit against the TRPA, Verizon Wireless, the Tahoe Prosperity Center, Inc., and a South Lake Tahoe property owner. If successful, the case will protect the lake from future wireless infrastructure deployments. *It could even set legal precedent for our national parks and other sensitive environments across the country.*

The NISLAPP attorneys feel so strongly about this case that they have been subsidizing the work for months out of their own pockets. Unfortunately, the scarce funds for this case have run dry with more than \$100,000 spent on legal fees to date.

The legal team is currently seeking \$7,500 in legal and attorney fees to cover the cost of preparing for and appearing at the October 14 hearing. This hearing will be a critical juncture in the case.

Make a tax-deductible contribution to this historic legal action today.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

### 1. PLEASE DONATE NOW

If you would prefer to send a check, please specify that the check is intended to support the *TAHOE CASE*. NISLAPP is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization so your generous contribution is tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:

National Institute for Science, Law, and Public Policy (NISLAPP)  
5614 Connecticut Ave., NW #339  
Washington, DC 20015

If you have no interest in a tax deduction, an online GoFundMe campaign has been established so you can easily donate. Just go here: <https://www.gofundme.com/save-lake-tahoe>.

### 2. SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS THROUGH EMAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA

Cut and paste the above text or download the flyer below and share the GoFundMe link on your social media!

For more information about the case, please visit:

<https://www.tahoeofsafertech.org/>.

We can't thank you enough for your support and generosity!

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# **KEEP THE LAKE ALIVE: Saving Lake Tahoe from 5G**

Thanks to profit-hungry telecom companies and the “captured” Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), Lake Tahoe is on the fast-track to destruction.

Over 100 unregulated, radiation-emitting 5G antennas have already been installed throughout the area, and the TRPA is getting ready to approve the construction of a 112-foot cell tower smack in the middle of Bald Eagle habitat!

If we don’t stop TRPA now, Lake Tahoe as we know it will not survive the looming telecom takeover.

We call for the TRPA to place a moratorium on new wireless infrastructure build-outs, and any modifications to existing wireless structures, until such time as the Agency has completed the environmental impact analyses mandated by its own rules.

## **TAKE ACTION NOW!**

**The time to act is now or never.**

1. **Sign our petition:** [ipetitions.com/petition/keep-the-lake-alive](https://ipetitions.com/petition/keep-the-lake-alive)
2. **Donate to the “Save Lake Tahoe” Fund:** [gofundme.com/f/keep-the-lake-alive](https://gofundme.com/f/keep-the-lake-alive)



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