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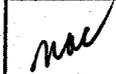
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RE: Granite Mountain Exchange Extended Area Service

To the Commissioners:

As residents of this one-mile wide and five-mile long area, we are writing in regard to the necessity of Extended Area Telephone Service. The attached map identifies the location in question. We are surrounded by the city of Scottsdale on three sides and a National Forest on the fourth. Qwest services this area except for our five square miles. Residents of this area rely on cell phones. However, there are many spots where cell phone coverage is not available.

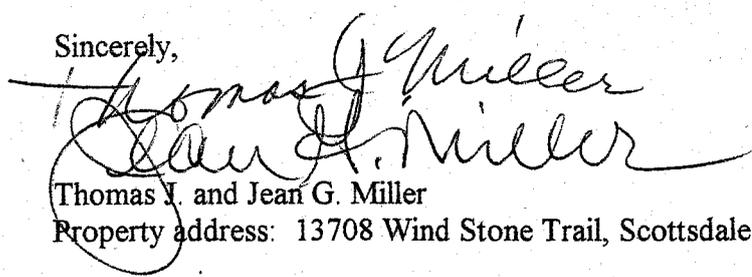
You granted Midvale Telephone Company permission to service this area. We are told that the area code of (928) has been granted to Midvale. This is not acceptable, as every call outside of our five square miles is a toll call. The societal ramifications are significant: medical contacts, home security issues, home-based businesses as well as schools are negatively impacted by this decision. Schools cannot reach parents under this arrangement because it would be a toll call. Businesses would suffer due to an unfamiliar area code. There is consideration by some residents that cell phone coverage may still be the best alternative.

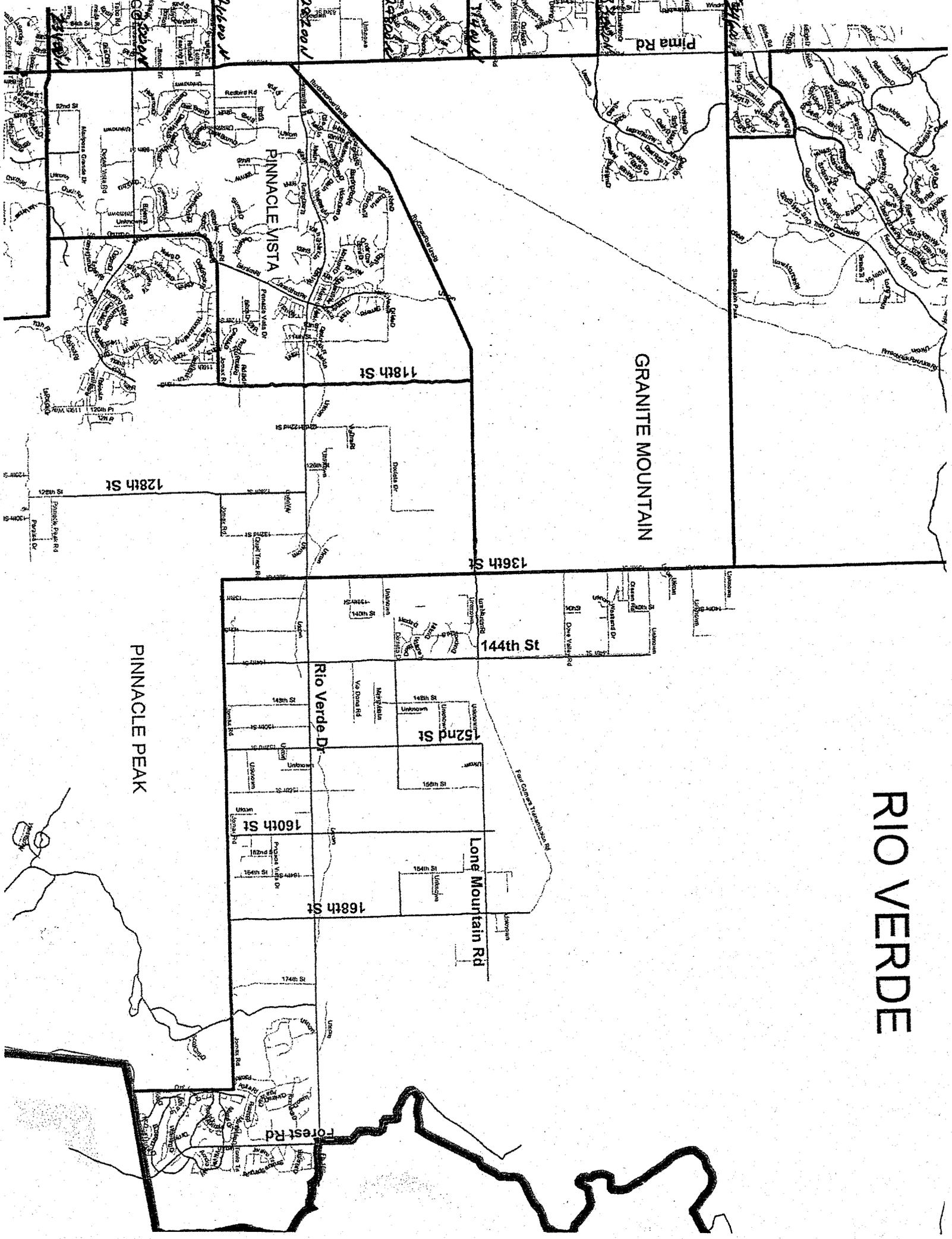
Historically, in 1995 the ACC established in Docket # E-1051-93-183, Decision #58927 that Extended Area Service be made available to areas where the primary "community of interest" lies. (For example: Black Canyon City allied with Phoenix, Tubac with Green Valley/Tucson, and Circle City with Phoenix.)

By establishing this precedent, it would follow that the residents of Granite Mountain would be allied with Scottsdale. **To put this in a different perspective:** there are residents of the Granite Mountain area who live less than 200 yards from the City of Scottsdale. The 136th St. to 144th St. area is 4 miles from Pinnacle Peak (i.e. The Four Seasons Resort.)

We strongly urge the members of the ACC to grant the use of the 480 area code for the Granite Mountain Telephone Exchange.

Sincerely,


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GRANITE MOUNTAIN

PINNACLE VISTA

PINNACLE PEAK

Rio Verde Dr

Lone Mountain Rd

Forest Rd

RIO VERDE

Pima Rd

118th St

128th St

136th St

144th St

152nd St

160th St

168th St

