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■ **Planning Commission Recommends Denial for Pinnacle Towers** ■

Board of County Commissioners to hear proposal on March 18

Last night, in a decision closely mirroring its previous recommendation, the Jefferson County Planning Commission voted 7-0 recommending denial for a scaled back telecommunications proposal from Florida-based Pinnacle Towers Inc. (PTI) for Eldorado Mountain.

The Planning Commission determined that the proposal is not in compliance with the Jefferson County Telecommunications Land Use Plan due to unresolved access, unresolved fire protection and unresolved equipment issues. The proposal was also found to be unsuitable with surrounding land uses based on the visual impact the towers would have on the open space and parks in the area.

The case will now go before the 3-member Board of County Commissioners on Monday March 18, 2002, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Hearing Room One in the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden. The hearing is open to the public.

On Nov. 7, 2001, the Planning Commission heard a proposal from PTI for three towers atop Eldorado Mountain but, after a lengthy public hearing process, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended denial to the Board of County Commissioners.

On Dec. 10, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners continued the case indefinitely to allow PTI to revise its application. The county commissioners also remanded the case back to the Planning Commission.

Pinnacle Towers Inc. is asking the county to rezone 40 acres at the top of Eldorado Mountain to permit expansion of the existing Eldorado Communications Facility. The revised proposal requested one 450-foot tower, which could include high definition television, analog television as well as FM radio. The rezoning would also allow the construction and expansion of transmission buildings.

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