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I work for Picuris Pueblo and am their Tribal Administrator.

Picuris Pueblo has a no photograph, no recording, no sketching policy for ceremonial activities.

I am from San Ildefonso Pueblo and the same policy is there also.

My concern is that wireless communication abilities allow people to record and stream such ceremonies.

Most of these ceremonies will take place in a sacred area or in areas that are normally designated as Historic Places (such as the entire Plaza area of San Ildefonso Pueblo).

If allowed, wireless communication in such areas would be detrimental to the cultural/history of the tribe.

The public does not need to know what goes on in ceremonial activities and their right to know does not overpower the right of the Tribe to keep such things sacred.

The only reason the Tribes allow individuals at such ceremonies is that the people are part of the ceremony ? a concept hard for outsiders to grasp.

I assure you that because of actions of past individuals in describing or photographing ceremonies the tribes will not be changing their policies and will continue to disallow any recording devices.

Therefore, I will say that the imposition of antenna systems near historic sites associated with Native American communities will not be a benefit to the Tribe's culture and history and the Tribes should have allowed consultation (such as the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS)) with right to veto such installation.