

September 23, 2014

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Iridium Constellation LLC Petition for Rulemaking to Promote Expanded Mobile
Satellite Service in the Big LEO MSS Band – RM-11697

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am an avid backpacker. Now that I am retired, I spend most of my free time hiking through the backcountry of Oregon and California alone and with fellow backpackers.

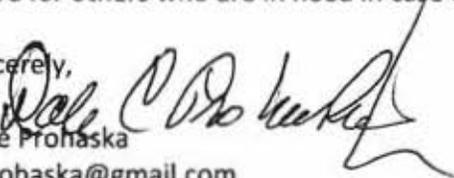
On a recent Memorial Day weekend, seven hikers and I – ranging from ages 51 to 74 – decided to take a five-day trip in the Lost Coast area of California (near Petrolia). I had recently bought a SPOT at REI and decided to bring it along. I'm glad I did.

At the beginning the hike along the beach went well but we soon encountered fierce coastal winds. The terrain changed to large boulders. One of my fellow hikers, John was not wearing proper footwear and took a bad fall while attempting to cross a creek. John told me that he couldn't take another step.

After much deliberation, we decided to use my Globalstar SPOT and call for help. At 3:30 p.m., I activated the S.O.S. feature on my SPOT device and then we began to watch for a helicopter. Within two and one half hours the Coast Guard arrived on scene via helicopter. John was then taken to the nearest hospital, where he was treated for a severely sprained ankle.

My SPOT has given me a new sense of security that I will be able to communicate with my family in case of emergency. Globalstar's SPOT was there for me. I hope it will continue to be there for others who are in need in case of emergency.

Sincerely,


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