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Snow and Winds Topple Tower

By Michael P. Neufeld
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CORRECTION

Crestline, CA - The tower that collapsed in Crestline has been identified as a microwave communications tower apparently owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe. Information originally provided to RIMOFTHEWORLD.net was incorrect.

A Verizon spokesperson had told this reporter they had a tower "down" impacting cell service in Crestline and other parts of the mountain.

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Original Story

Crestline, CA - Mountain residents who have been experiencing problems with their cell service won't have to wait any longer to know what happened. But they may have to wait a while for service to be restored.



A microwave communications tower located off Playground Drive in Crestline collapsed during the recent storm. (Photo by Rebardan.)

A cell tower located next to the hang glider launch area off Playground Drive in Crestline apparently collapsed due to heavy snow and strong winds during the most recent storm.

The tower bent, basically in half, and immediately impacted cell service in many mountain communities.



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The recent storm knocked out this communications tower located near the hang glider launch point in Crestline. (Photo by Rebardan.)

The tower, reportedly installed about two months ago, provided signals to local mountain residents.

Calls to Verizon and other cell providers did not indicate when service would be restored.

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