

## **Broadband Task Force**

July 17, 2019

## City Background

- Population 62,000
- Operated Electric Utility since 1900
  - 29,235 Accounts
- Built first fiber connections in 1999
  - Limited City and County Sites
- Network Expansion in 2002 2004
  - 96 Strands on 3 rings
  - Some for city use then leased out additional

#### Current Network

- Debt Free with an asset value of \$3,567,075
- Leased pairs to:
  - College of Eastern Idaho, Idaho National Lab, School District, Syringa Networks, Qwk Net, Silver Star, Bonneville County, Safelink Wireless, Direct Communications, Blackfoot Communications, Sumo Rise Broadband, Melaleuca.
- Over 500 business locations on original fiber network
- Leased Pairs cost \$1,340 per month, \$25 Per drop location

## 2018 Network Expansion

- Open Access expansion with new "lit" network
- Motivation
  - Enable access to affordable high speed broadband throughout the city
- Principles of operation
  - Continue public private partnerships with providers
  - Enable customer choice
  - Bring down the costs for ISP's operating on network as well as customers connected to network
  - "Build one road with multiple users"





## **Open Access Infrastructure Provider**

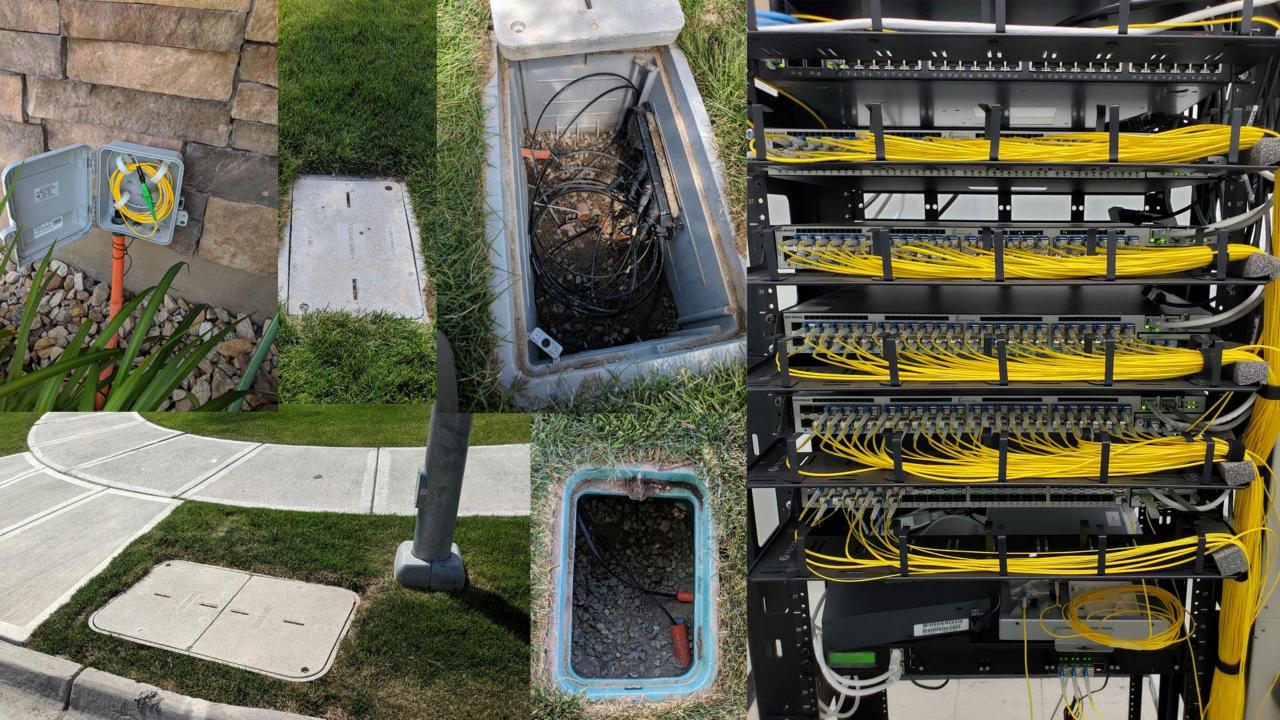
Internet Packages:

15/15Mbps \$16.50 per month 1Gbps \$26.50 per month

- 2009 Publicly declared Broadband an essential service cared for by municipal utility
- 2010 Ordinance clarified purpose to 'create an infrastructure' to serve: City, public safety, public, anchor, businesses, residents <a href="https://ilsr.org/rule/3131-2/">https://ilsr.org/rule/3131-2/</a>
- 2011 Started construction to connect City properties to support operations
- 2011 Started leasing dark fiber to carriers in support of 4G wireless
- 2012 One of founding 'smart communities' to join US Ignite (smart city accelerator)
- 2012 NSF sub-award 'Network Slicing for Emergency Communications' <a href="https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD">https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD</a> ID=1258486
- 2013 Entered into 'Joint Powers' agreement with the local public school district improving options while saving thousands monthly
- 2014 Started providing layer 2 lit circuit carrier transport
- 2014 NIJ Ultra-High Speed Apps Challenge 1<sup>st</sup> place winner https://nij.gov/funding/pages/fy13-ultra-high-speed-apps-challenge.aspx
- 2015 Founding member of Next Century Cities (core principals) https://nextcenturycities.org/about/overview/
- 2016 Created first LID in support of infrastructure build out to all addresses wanting fiber (utility option for property owners) https://muninetworks.org/content/ammons-local-improvement-district-gets-city-council-blessing
- 2016 National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors: Community Broadband Project of the Year <a href="https://www.natoa.org/web/site\_news/news\_detail/34">https://www.natoa.org/web/site\_news/news\_detail/34</a>
- 2016 NSF sub-award 'Public Safety through a Municipal Software Defined Infrastructure' https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD ID=1647264
- 2017 Ammon hosts official launch of automated open access model, Harvard University releases Berkman Klein research <a href="https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/Delivery.cfm/SSRN\_ID3047420">https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/Delivery.cfm/SSRN\_ID3047420</a> code727672.pdf?abstractid=3047420&mirid=1
- 2017 2018 Broadband Communities 'Top 100 Leaders and Innovators in FTTH' 2 years running https://bbcmag.epubxp.com/i/1007867-jul-2018/32?m4=
- 2018 FCC Chairman Ajit Pai visits https://www.idahostatesman.com/opinion/readers-opinion/article213995624.html
- 2018 Consumer Product of the Year award from the Idaho Technology Council http://www.idahotechcouncil.org/hall-of-fame-2018/
- 2019 Bonneville County Emergency Communications Center failover site
- 2019 Free Internet becomes a reality in the Ammon open market system https://www.theregister.co.uk/2019/06/07/ammon municipal broadband/









## **Ammon Results:**

- \$4 million local investment
- 9 Full time employees
- NO municipal debt
- State of the art infrastructure
- Creation of an open marketplace
- 1Gbps Internet for \$26.50 month

## **Property Owner Results:**

- Increase property value
- Decrease monthly expense
- Provide choice
- Access to previously unavailable
- Optional participation
- +85% would 'strongly recommend'

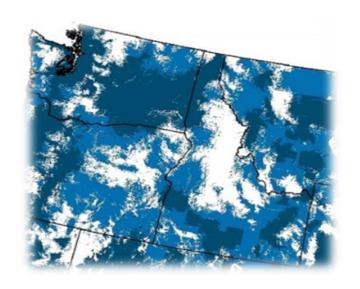
## Recommendations:

- Focus on infrastructure
- Create framework supporting transitions
- Encourage local investment



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## Broadband Task Force Information Brief

17 July 2019





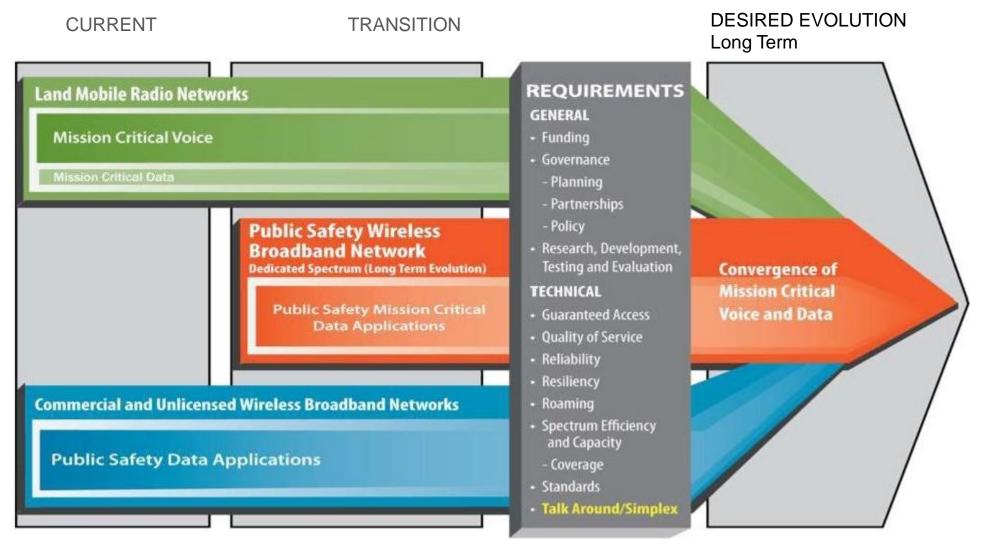
# Planning for FirstNet in Idaho

## The Proposed Solution

- Create next generation nationwide public safety wireless network
- Provide high data rates ("broadband") to enable advanced applications
- Use industry standards to enable interoperability for public safety
- Adopt fourth generation ("4G") cellular technology to leverage fast pace of commercial development
- Leverage commercial equipment economies of scale while maintaining public safety unique requirements

Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) deploying Long Term Evolution (LTE)

## Planning for Convergence



Public Safety's Broadband allocation is Band Class 14

Agencies / Facilities / Critical Infrastructure

#### Agencies

- EMS Departments
- Federal
- Military
- Emergency Management
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Departments

#### **Facilities**

- Major State Government Building
- Court Houses



Corrections



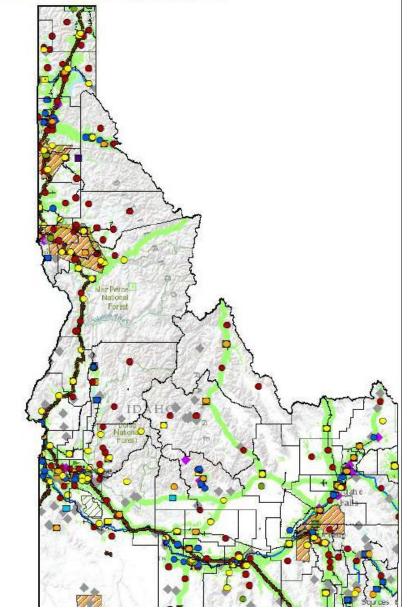
- + Airports
- Local Emergency Operations Centers
- State Emergency Operation Centers
- Urgent Care Facilities
- Hospitals
- PSAP
- Schools
- ± Ports
- Amtrak Stations
- Air National Guard (ANG) Sites

Army National Guard (ARNG) Installations

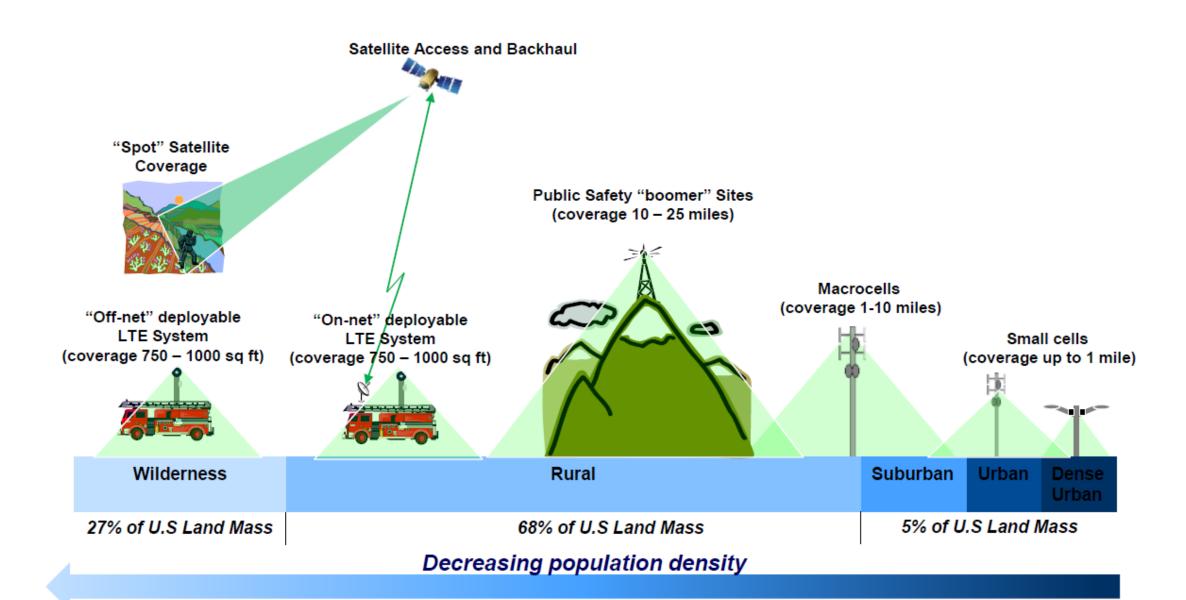
Canada and Mexico Border Crossings

#### Critical Infrastructure

- Manufacturing
- Haz ardous Materials Routes
- Energy
- Nuclear Plants
- Dams
- Public Venues



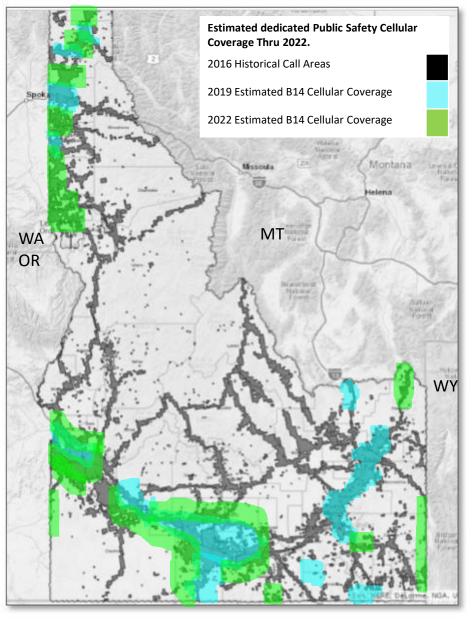
## **RAN Deployment Solutions**



#### Small Cells & WiFi







- Coverage estimation represents potential Band Class 14 service (dedicated to Public Safety)
- Depicts terrestrial outdoor coverage only NOT indoor or small cell deployables
- Assumed minimum data throughput is at least 768kbpsDL/256kbpsUL at -110dBm signal str
- Assumed network will carry voice, data, and video
- Slide does NOT depict normal commercial 4GLTE nor ADV/PRO versions which will be available to public safety entities

## Topics to be discussed

- Overview of current statewide and local broadband assets related to connectivity.
- Where do you currently provide service? cities/facilities etc.
- Where do you currently NOT have or need additional service cities/facilities etc?
- What types of speeds do you currently offer in your areas up and down?
- Is your service exclusive or may it be used by others to help connect other users?
- If your service is exclusive, is there a timeline when it may not be exclusive?
- Who is your current ISP provider(s)?

## THANK YOU

**QUESTIONS?** 

## **ITD Fiber Connectivity Program**



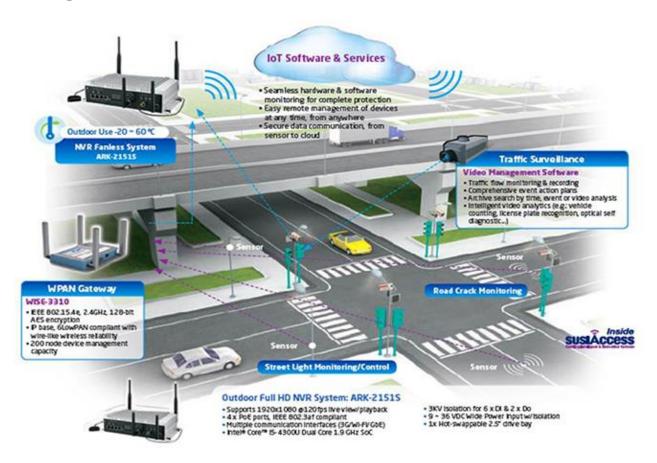
Transportation management for today...

...and tomorrow.



## ITD's Challenge

Managing the transportation network and the rapid pace of technological transformation.



#### **Broadband Assets**

#### Owned infrastructure

- ITD has conduit and fiber in locations throughout the state including Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Lewiston, Boise, Twin Falls and Pocatello.
  - This includes purchased infrastructure as well as Master Shared Resource Agreements for broadband fiber strands
  - Everything else is through contract relationships for broadband services

#### Gaps in infrastructure

- ITD has gaps where there is less cost effective or non-existing infrastructure including Powell, Reeds Bar, Flemming, Kooski and Gibbinsville to name a few. Microwave or satellite options are used wherever possible at lower bandwidths
- This infrastructure is currently exclusive to ITD's transportation network needs and the Safety of the traveling public.
- There are potential cooperation opportunities depending the recommendations of this task force.

#### **Relevant Law**

- I.C. §40-210 Idaho Legislature states that the rights of way serve transportation and utility placement purposes
- ITD cannot pay for the relocation of any utility in its rights of way even if the need for relocation is pursuant to ITD action
  - This is prohibited by the Idaho Constitution
- Though I.C.§40-210 says that the ROW are for travel and utility placement, the needs of the traveling public take precedent. To that end ITD prioritizes Safety and Mobility considerations.

## **Current ITD Practices**

- Master Shared Resource Agreements (In kind exchange)
  - Along Interstate, ITD has exchanged use of ROW and/or ITD conduit for fiber
    - For shared use of ITD conduit, ITD requires 48 strands of dark fiber
  - This practice has been employed at some other ITD ROW locations
    - With Fatbeam in Coeur d' Alene
    - With the Nez Perce Tribe near Lewiston
    - With Optix in Pocatello

## **Transmission and Rights of Way Options/Permitting**





**Increased Road Safety** 

**Broadband Deployment** 

**5G Networks** 

Potential State Revenue Generator



### **Rights of Way:**

#### The future of Transportation and Telecommunications cooperation along the Transportation Network



**Connected Vehicles** 

**Autonomous Vehicles** 

**Emergency Response Services** 

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Bridging the Digital Divide
To Underserved &
Economically
Disadvantaged Communities

#### **Current Process**

- Standard utility permit of \$50 IDAPA 39.03.42.700.02.A and
   .C Utility Rule sets the price.
- Applicant to complete ITD-2110 Right of Way Encroachment Application and Permit for Utilities
- Processing time is anticipated to take 2-4 weeks unless complicated by the intricacy of the project and completeness of required materials and documentation. (Forms, Maps, Construction Plans, Fees etc.)

#### FCC - Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment Order

- The Federal Communication Commission is a federal agency that regulates radio, television, and telephone industries
- The FCC's oversight includes <u>anything</u> having to do with these industries, <u>including</u> the location of transmission/receiver locations
- This Order <u>preempts</u> state and local law, regulations, and polices for Small Cell/5G sites
- ITD is working towards compliance with the where, when & how aspects
  of this order. There are challenges.
- Successful states collaborate early in the planning stages with their transportation departments
- ITD stands to further the Governor's vision through this broadband task force

#### Recommendations

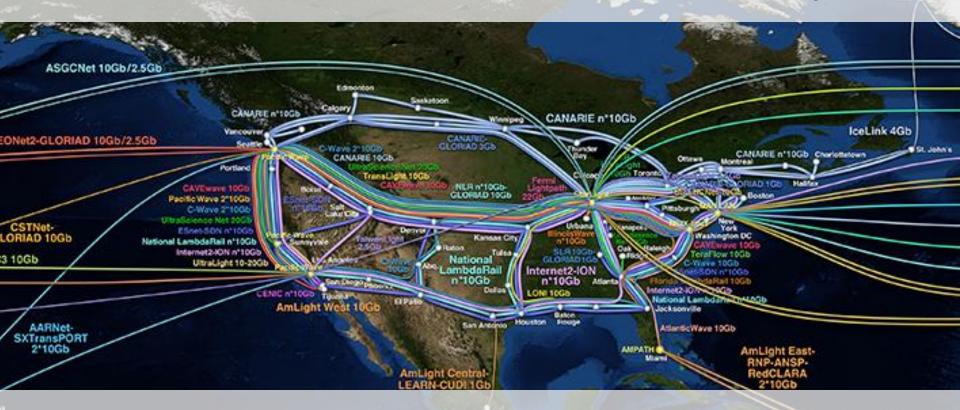
- Identify state wide goals, policies, and procedures on handling
   5G/fiber applications
- Review policies, guidelines, forms, etc. or potential improvements
- Disseminate and Educate on the handling of these issues
- Greater interface with other States regarding implementation, lessons learned, and best practices



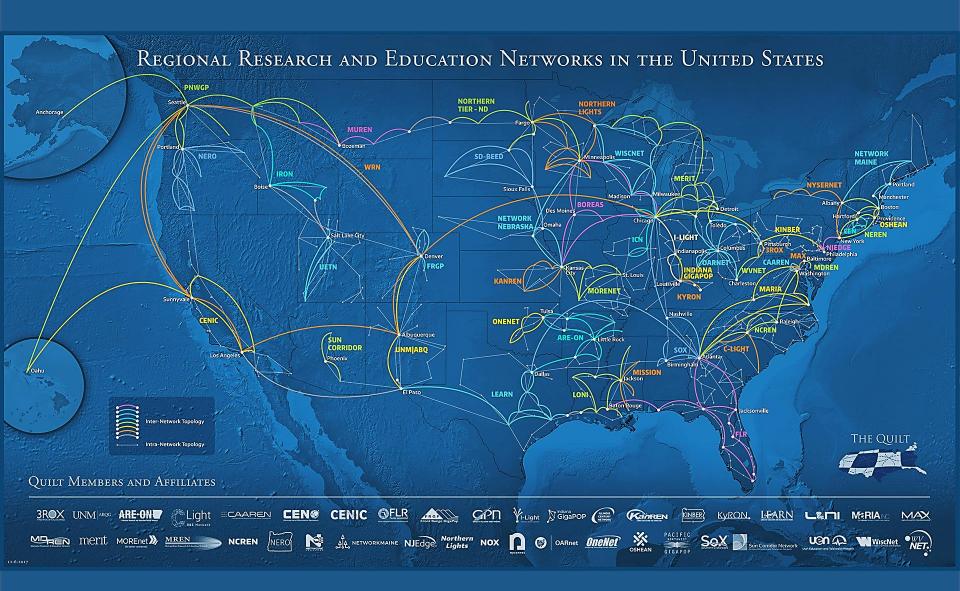
Brent J. Stacey, CEO and President

### Regional Optical Networks (RONs)

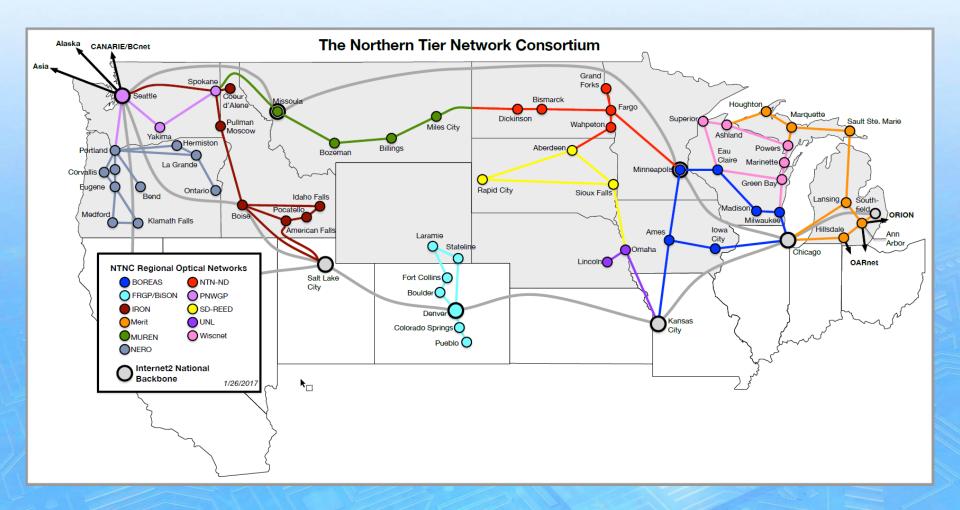
RONs are research/education networks that act as principle aggregators of network traffic for the U.S. research and education community.



RONs play a critical role in the future of national advanced research and education.



#### Northern Tier Network Consortium with IRON







Internet2 connects over 60,000 U.S. educational research, government, and community institutions—from primary and secondary schools to community colleges, universities, public libraries, museums, and healthcare.

Internet2's backbone was developed in 1995 by the National Science Foundation to create a faster alternative to the Internet and foster research and creativity.



Governor's authority to represent Idaho.



### **IRON Founding Members**

# University of Idaho

















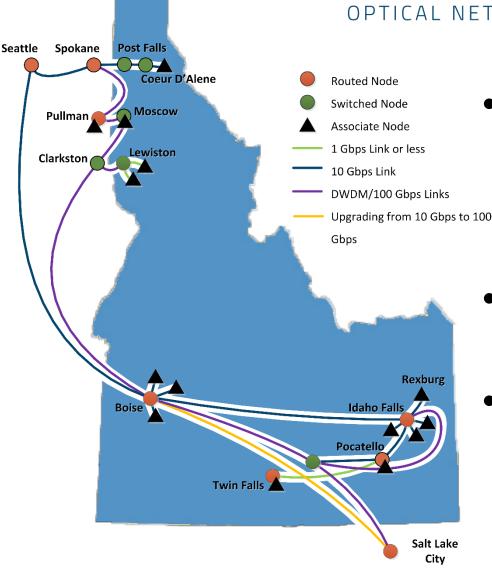
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- Grassroots
   volunteers helping
   Idaho cross the
   digital divide
- Fully operational and reliable
- Independent networking voice for Idaho



# Thank you!



Questions?







Christopher Campbell
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Idaho State Dept. of Education
Chair, EORC

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Mountain Home School District
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### $IEN \rightarrow EORC$



- IEN (2008 Spring 2015)
  - Idaho Education Network
- EORC/Broadband Program (July 2016 Present)
  - Education Opportunity Resource Committee
- BIIG (July 2016 Present)
  - Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant

### **Education Opportunity Resource Committee** (EORC)



- Idaho Code §33-5601 §33-5605
- Broadband program oversight committee (schools and libraries)
- Serve E-rate eligible entities' broadband needs
  - Technical guidance, security guidance, E-rate guidance, procurement guidance, funding
  - Related services
  - 1 Gbps per 1,000 Students/Staff (expandable)
  - Evaluate and recommend (bandwidth utilization)
- Broadband program covers cost of internet/WAN not discounted by E-rate

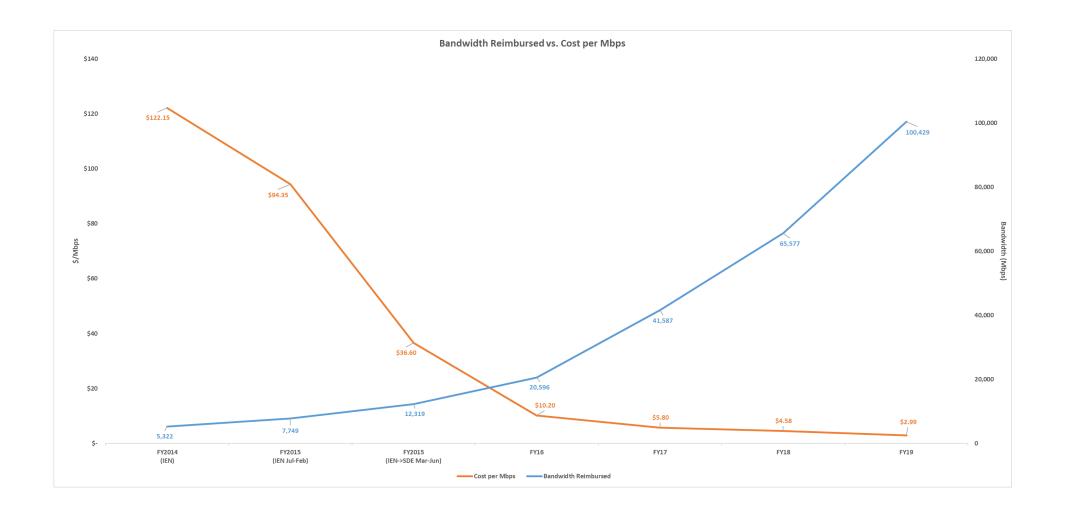
### **Overview**



- E-rate
  - Discount for schools and libraries (anchor tenants)
  - Competitive bidding
  - Providers must have valid SPIN
  - Exclusive use
  - School broadband projects (buildouts) can positively impact community access.
    - Cost allocate

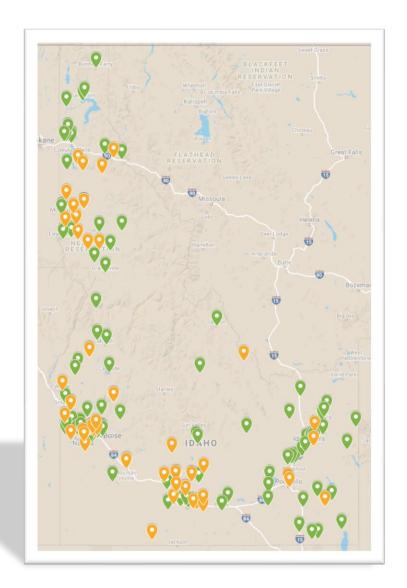
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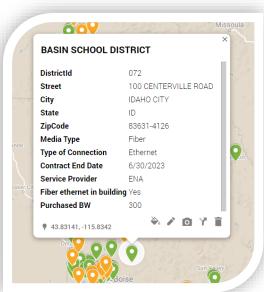


### Internet Access





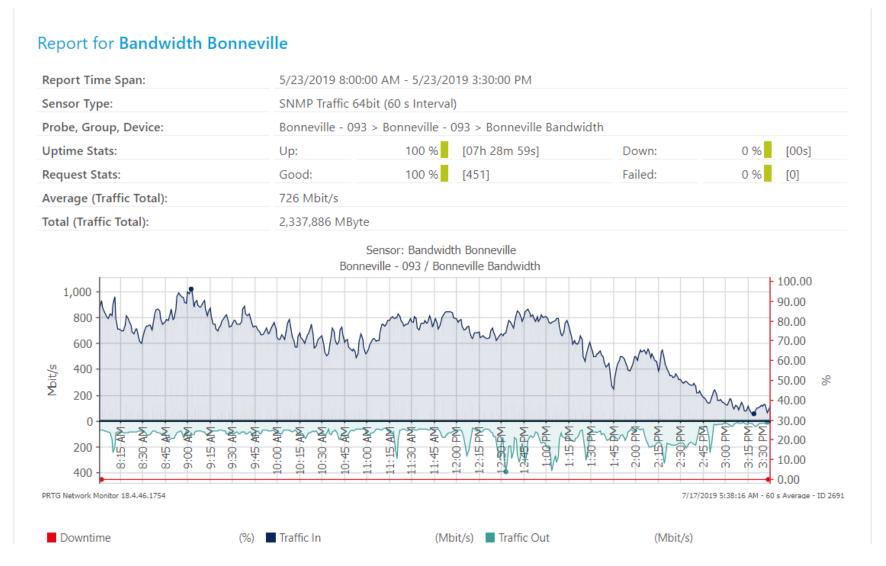




- 167 reimbursed IA connections serving ~900 buildings
  - 111 Fiber Ethernet
- 143 connections >= 100 Mbps
- 41 connections >= 1 Gbps
- 5 connections do not meet broadband definition (< 25Mbps)

### **Bandwidth Utilization**





### **Internet Providers**



ATC	ENA	МТЕ	Syringa
Blackfoot	Farmers	Mud Lake	Tek-Hut
Cable One	Fatbeam	Nez Perce	Windstream
CenturyLink	First Step	Noel	XMission
Concept	FMT	PMT	хо
СТС	Fremont	Rise	Zayo
Custer Tel	Frontier	RTI	
Direct	Hughes Net	Silver Star	
Electric Lightwave	J&R	Spectrum	

### **WAN Providers**



ATC	Direct	Frontier	Syringa
Blackfoot	E.L. Internet	J&R	Tek-Hut
Blue Mesh	ENA	Mud Lake	UPN
Cable One	Fatbeam	PMT	White Cloud
City of Ammon	First Step	Silver Star	Zayo
Concept	FMT	Suddenlink	

### **Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant** (BIIG)



- ❖ Idaho Code §33-910
- Number of approved projects to date: 19
- Number of buildings impacted: 58
- ❖ Total cost of projects: \$ 10,664,274
- ❖ BIIG funds committed: \$884,209
- Anticipated cost to LEAs for these projects: \$0



### **Examples: Community Impact**



#### Idaho City

Project just completed. Fiber Ethernet available.

#### Middleton

WAN provider now building fiber to homes.

#### Leadore

IA provider now providing WISP services to homes.

#### Clark Fork

Recent project laid fiber across Lake Pend O'reille.

#### Avery

In Process: fiber build to Calder, ID (through St. Maries).



### **Questions?**



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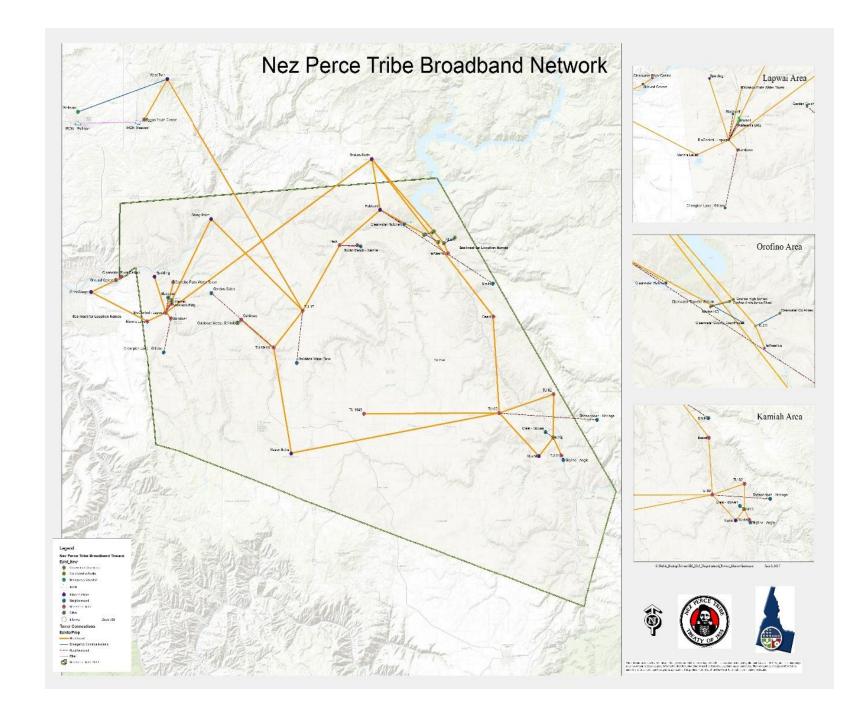
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# Tribal Buildout in Idaho

Nez Perce, Coeur d' Alene, Shoshone Bannock

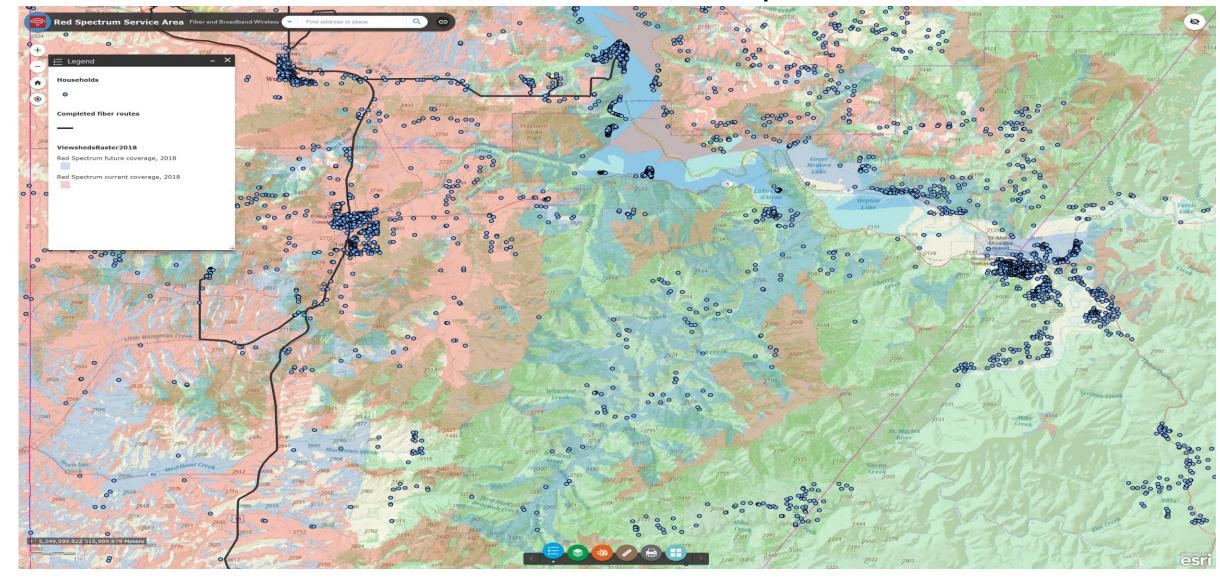
# Nez Perce Tribe Microwave Tower Map



# Nez Perce Tribe Fiber



# Coeur d' Alene Tribe Fiber Map



# IDAHO HOSPITALS

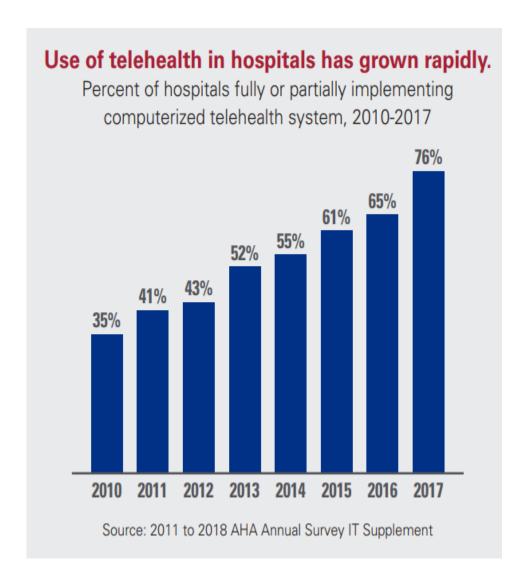


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# AFFORDABLE BROADBAND FOR HEALTH CARE

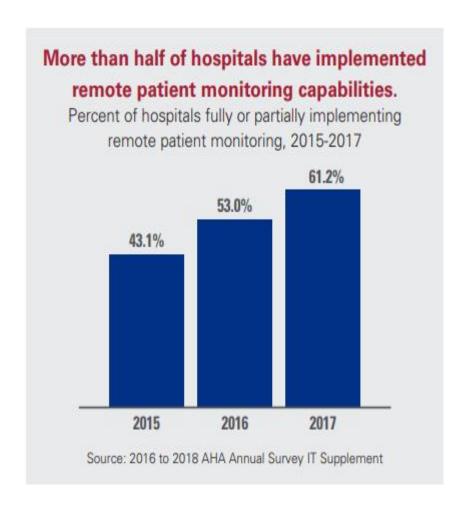


### USE OF TELEHEALTH IN HOSPITALS



Telehealth connects patients to vital health care services through videoconferencing, remote monitoring, electronic consults and wireless communications.

## REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING (RPM)



Remote patient monitoring can be used to reach patients in their homes.

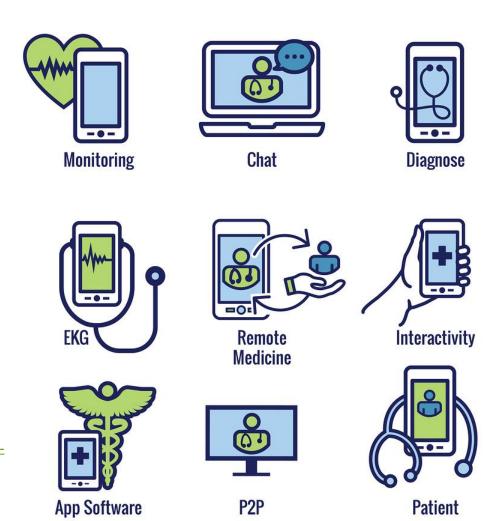
According to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, people with chronic conditions account for 85% of national healthcare spending.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COMMUNITIES

"It is critically important to remember that rural telehealth's role in addressing the **significant** health problems inherent to rural areas will depend upon the availability of an underlying, future-proof, fiber-based broadband infrastructure."

Schadelbauer, Rick, "Anticipating Economic Returns of Rural Healthcare," NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, March 2017,

https://www.ntca.org/sites/default/files/documents/2017-12/SRC whitepaper anticipatingeconomicreturns.pdf



### CONSIDERATIONS



### FUNDING MECHANISMS



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For Immediate Release

#### FCC SEEKS COMMENT ON PROPOSED \$100 MILLION CONNECTED CARE PILOT PROGRAM

Three-Year Pilot Would Bring Telehealth Services to Low-Income Patients, Veterans and Areas Lacking Adequate Health Care

WASHINGTON, July 10, 2019—The Federal Communications Commission is proposing to establish a three-year, \$100 million Connected Care Pilot program that would support bringing telehealth services directly to low-income patients and veterans.

The proposed Connected Care Pilot would provide an 85% discount on connectivity for broadband-enabled telehealth services that connect patients directly to their doctors and are used to treat a wide range of health conditions. These services can facilitate the effective treatment of chronic conditions outside of the doctor's office, at significant savings for patients and health care providers.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) adopted by the Commission today seeks comment on testing a new program, using the FCC's existing Rural Health Care Program authority, that would defray the costs of purchasing broadband Internet access service necessary for providing connected care services directly to low-income patients and veterans.

# Idaho National Laboratory

















#### Idaho National Laboratory – What We Do!

- Advancing Nuclear Energy
- Securing and Modernizing Critical Infrastructure
- Enabling Clean Energy Deployment
- Battery Assembly for NASA Deep-Space Missions
- Collaborate with Private Industry and Education











# K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

 Leveraging INL partnerships and resources to grow STEM learning opportunities for all of Idaho's students is one of the primary missions of INL's STEM program





### Educational Research and Collaboration





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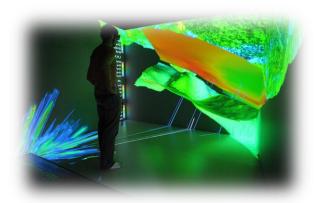




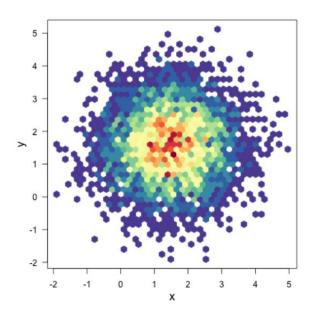


### Broadband Needs - Why is it important to INL

- High Performance Computing
- Large Data Set transfers
- Research and Education
- Critical Infrastructure Cyber Security
- Future Employment Opportunities









#### Overview of INL's Service

- Where do you currently provide service?
  - 890 square miles of the lab (We use Sparklight, Syringa, IRON, City of Idaho Falls, our own Optical Transport)
- Where do you currently NOT have or need additional service.
  - We are working to create a redundancy in certain areas of the lab
- What types of speeds do you currently offer in your areas?
  - 100/100 Gb
- Is your service exclusive or may it be used by others to help connect other users?
  - Exclusive
- If your service is exclusive, is there a timeline when it may not be exclusive?
  - No
- Who is your current ISP provider(s)?
  - IRON, Energy Sciences Network (ESnet)



### **Final Thoughts**

- 1. Define the long-term vision for Idaho's broadband
  - Broad band infrastructure equality throughout the state
- 2. Determine how to remove roadblocks
- 3. Providers can and are paving the way
  - What do we need to do to assist them



### Our Future IsTechnology







# **Broadband Taskforce Idaho Public Utilities Commissions**

Safe and reliable infrastructure to serve a common customer

### Who is Avista Utilities?



- Founded in 1889 as Washington Water Power Company
- Changed name in 1999
- Celebrated 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014



- Investor-owned, regulated gas and electric utility
- Headquarters in Spokane, WA
- 1,680 employees
- 369,000 Electric customers
- 329,000 Natural Gas customers
- Serves Washington, Idaho and Oregon



### **Avista's 128 Year History of Innovation**



1903 Longest transmission line in the world

1911 Automatic electric water heater

1915 Largest dam in the world with largest generator

1977 Established Itron

1983 First bio-mass plant in the world

1995 Established Ecova (sold to GDF Suez)

1996 Established Reli-On fuel cell company (sold to Plug Power)

2001 First geographic based Outage Management System (OMS)

2009 Awarded three Department of Energy American Recovery and

Reinvestment Award (ARRA) smart grid grants

2015 Largest vanadium flow battery in North America and Europe

2015 Largest community solar in Washington state

2019 Largest solar farm in the State of Washington







### **Avista Joint Use and Licensee Partners**





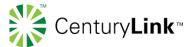




Avista currently has over 75 Joint Use and

Licensee partners in Idaho and Washington





























dedicated to improving safety and relationships on **shared utility infrastructure)** 



**DCI**cable











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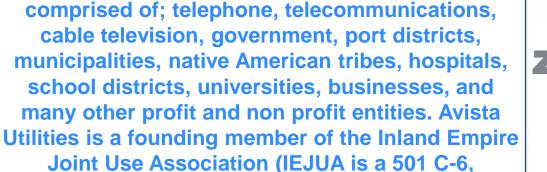


















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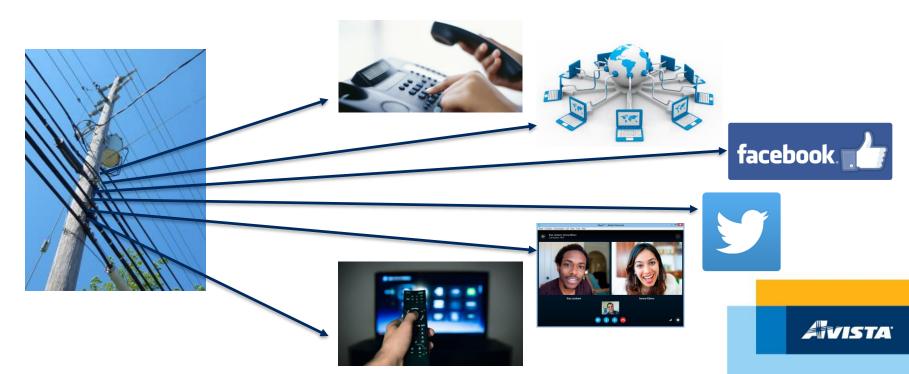




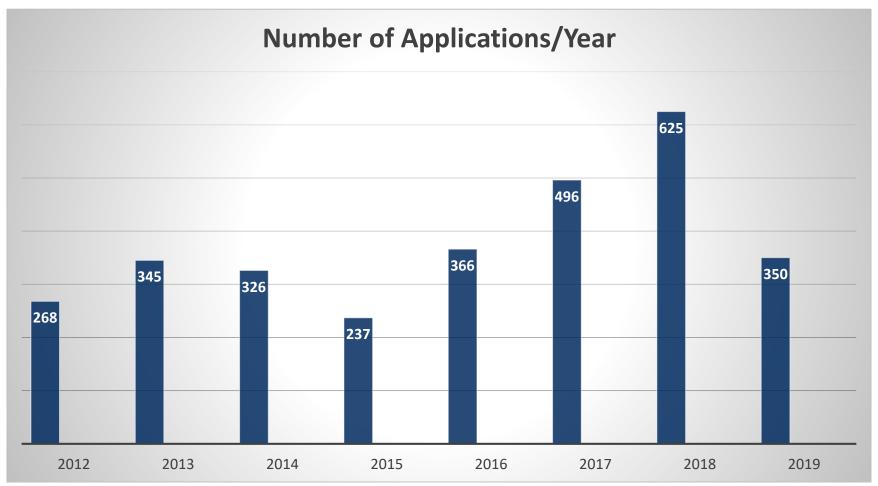
### Safe and Reliable Pathways

On average Avista has at least 2 joint use cables on every one out of two utility poles throughout its service territory, approximately 195,000 structures.

Avista has robust wood pole management and grid modernization programs that invest millions of dollars annually. This not only ensures a safe and reliable electric supply but also a network that is ready for communication providers to deliver products and services to the customers we serve in common.



## **Unprecedented Activity**



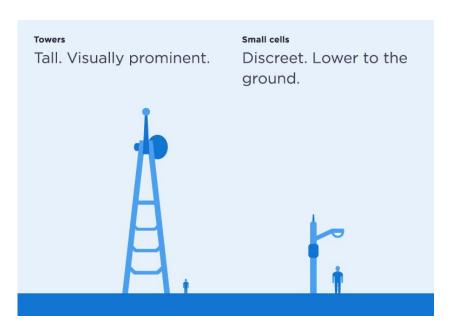


### **Timelines**

- Target goal of 45 days to first review
- Avista on average is 10 days
- Complexity and accuracy directly effect review
- RR, IDT, TRIBAL, NEPA, SEPA also have effects
- Dwindling resource pool for experienced human resources
- Make ready completed within 60-75 days
- Limited resources for electric make ready work



#### New Technologies; 4G, 5G, CBRS





Small Cell radios are designed to fill in for capacity gaps where Macro sites would be difficult or impossible to place.



Small cell installation on Avista street light and distribution poles.







### Headlines.....



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#### Wireless Industry Lobbies Statehouses For Access To 'Street Furniture'

April 11, 2017 - 5:00 AM ET

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POLITICS

FROM NORTHWEST NEWS NETWORK



The next generation of cell phone technology will be much faster but require far more antennas than carriers o

WEDNESDAY 14, JUNE 2017

#### State Legislature plans for the world of 5G



by John Stang

How fast Washington can boost its internet speeds and capabilities largely boils down to utility poles: unglamorous wood logs, stuck in the ground and usually lost in the background of the landscape.

The state Legislature is planning for the world of 5G -the coming fifth generation of wireless technology, which promises to increase download speeds enough to download a full HD movie in a few seconds at home while greatly expanding virtual reality options. By some accounts, it will open up new business possibilities that we don't even imagine now. The majority of Washington hit the 4G threshold around 2010. But parts of the state are essentially running on the much-slower 3G - or third-generation - technology.



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Among other things, cities worry that letting companies install "small cells" unregulated could compromise the aesthetic of their neighborhoods.

#### Cities Want Super-Fast Wireless Internet, But on Their Terms

LINDA POON OCT 9, 2017



### Regulatory opportunities

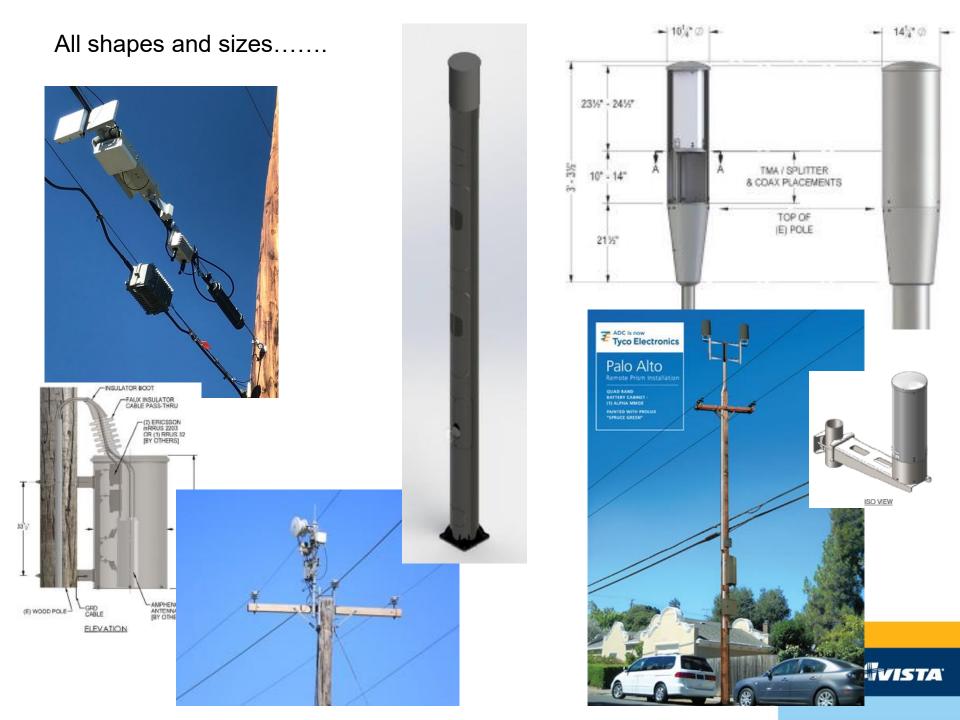
- One touch make ready
- Double wood remediation
- Streamlined permitting
- Statewide template for small cell
- National utility infrastructure data base





## **Questions?**





#### And more.....











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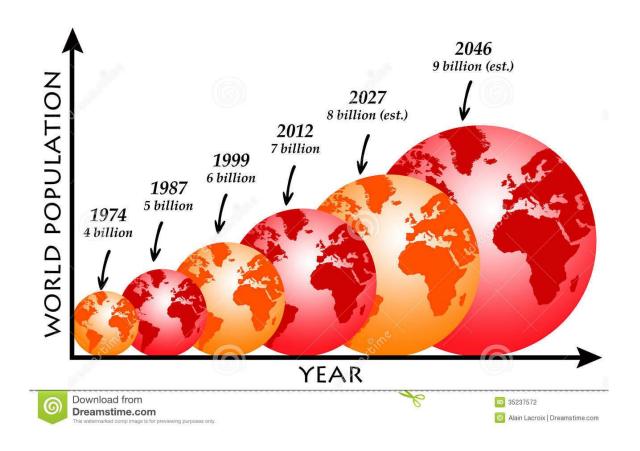
### Many variations, similar components...

- Antenna
- Remote radio unit (RRU)
- Backhaul-pathway back to the larger network-can be fiber, copper, microwave



# WHY?

# It's a small world.....with a lot of people in it and more every year





# Why does the wireless network need to expand?

- More people than ever before are relying on wireless technologies to connect with their lives and livelihoods
- U.S. Moblie data usage is set to grow seven fold through 2019
- Increasing applications of IoT (internet of things) because everyone needs a connected toaster<sup>©</sup>.
- Just over 48% of all households are wireless only for their telecommunications needs
- In North America, the average household has 13 connected devices
- Smartphones outnumber tablet devices 6 to 1



### What does that mean to us as an industry?

- Ever increasing demand for the products and services that are delivered to our common customers.
- A need to build out new infrastructure in a safe, efficient and effective manner on existing poles.
- Increased competition for a finite amount of space on overhead structures and the right of way itself
- Increase regulatory scrutiny and action at the Federal, State and local level.
- Active lobbying by the wireless industry. 22-5g wireless bills passed in 2017 granting access to the right of way for wireless infrastructure



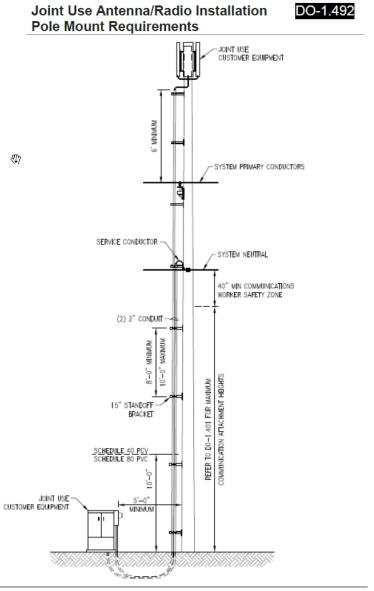
# WHERE?

# The where might depend on who you are.....

- WUTC 2016 rulemaking included wireless facilities access to poles in the right of way and applies only to Investor Owned Utilities (IOU)
- Pending law suits and legislation may open up access to City owned and other Electric Utilities
- Street light poles may be excluded as well as transmission only poles.....for now
- Attachment rates vary and are subject to interpretation
- All attachments require an agreement



## Distribution pole-pole top

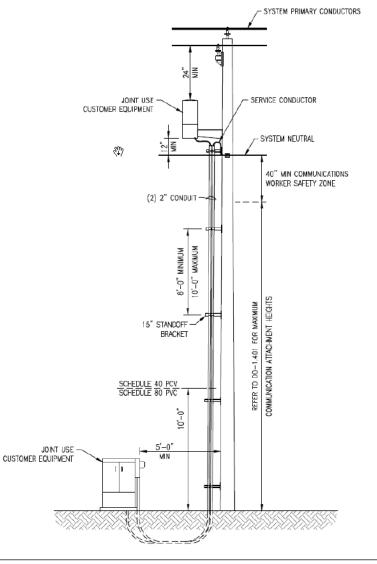




### Distribution pole-supply space

Joint Use Antenna/Radio Installation Pole Mount Requirements

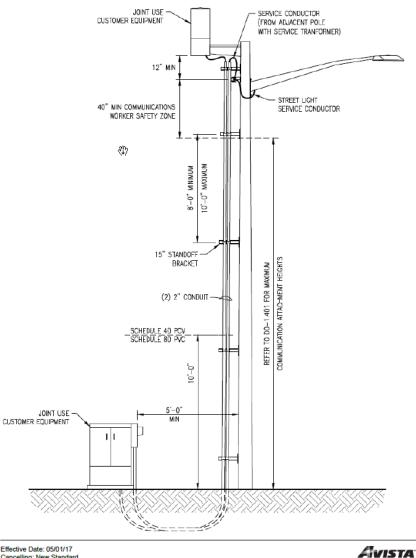




### Stand alone wood street light pole

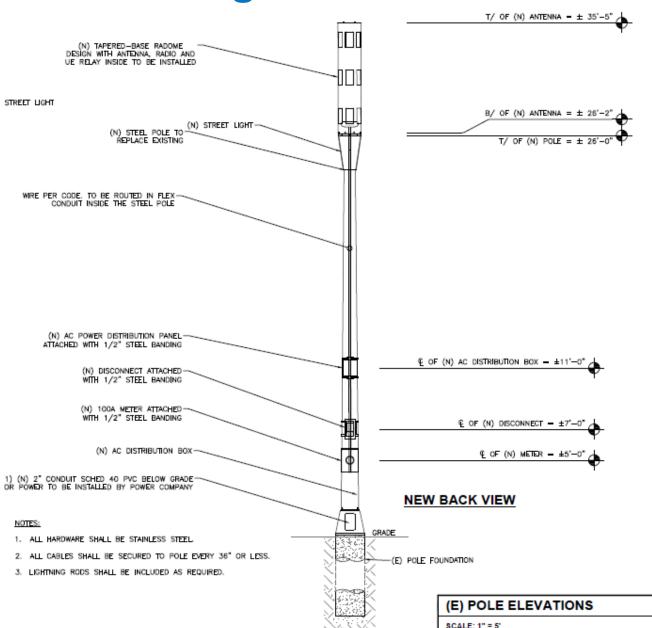
Joint Use Antenna/Radio Installation **Wood Street Light Pole Requirements** 





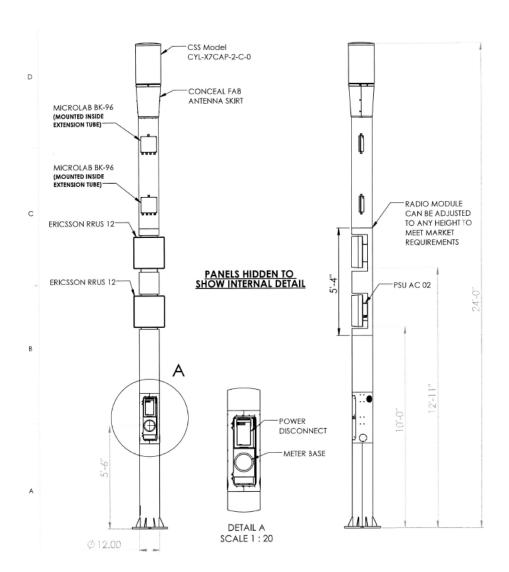


### **Steel Street Light Pole**





# **Stealth pole**







### Not every pole qualifies.....

- Non-complex poles are the best and only candidates
- Complex poles can be; switch poles, buck poles, primary dips, transformer banks, primary metering, double circuit, etc.
- Poles must be truck accessible and in the right of way
- Some easements are for electric facilities only, further research may be needed
- Only one radio/antenna per pole



### Other considerations....

- Possible interference with electric utility radio network, increased noise floor
- Reservation of space of specific poles for utility communications; mesh radio, AMI, relay control, other internal wireless communication



# HOW?

### Who does the work...

- Only qualified lineman can be in or above the supply space
- Contract labor certified by Avista
- Costs are passed through
- If the equipment is at the pole top or mid pole then it is above the communication worker safety zone and can only be installed and maintained by a qualified worker
- Washington Administrative Code Chapter 296-32 Safety
   Standards for Telecommunications
- Washington Administrative Code Chapter 296-45 Electric Power Generation, Transmission, Distribution

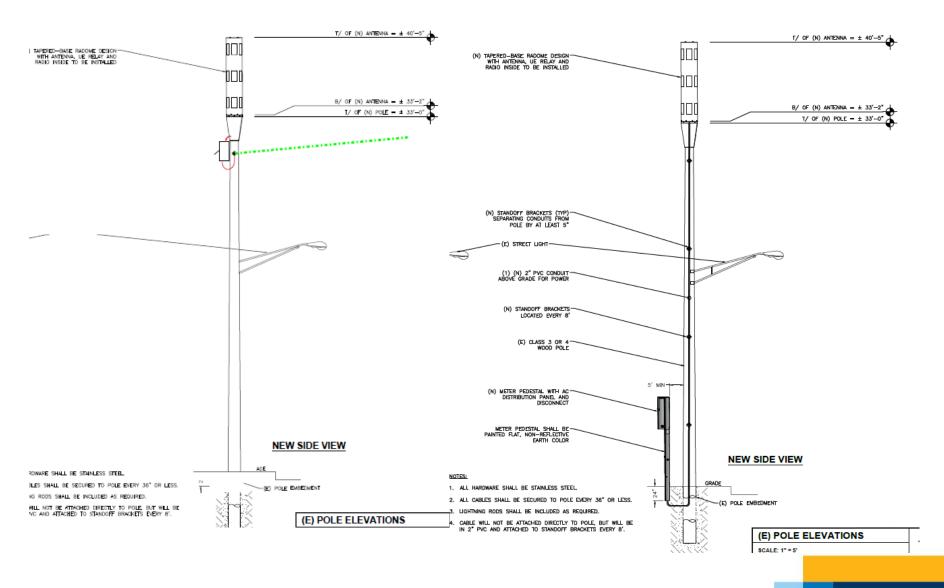


### Fixed consumption Electric service....

- Fixed consumption electric usage may help in keeping equipment out of the right of way
- Meters on poles? May create code conflicts and issues with qualified worker access
- Charge is made up of a basic charge plus usage based on PE certified usage report
- Yearly draw verifications to ensure accurate billing
- Fusing protection prevents over draw



### **Electric service options....**





# Strand mounted in the communication space

- Attached to existing support strand
- Must have hazard label and shut off switch
- Falls under wireline rules?
- Can be installed by communication workers





## WHEN?

#### The short answer is yesterday...

- Many carriers cannot keep up with demand
- No slowdown on the horizon
- Utility infrastructure may hold the key to future 5g deployment
- Increasing reliance on wireless infrastructure by first responders, utilities and let's face it everyone
- Increasing use for IoT and connected devices



#### The near future....

- The FCC expects continuing increases in data consumption
- To fill that need the FCC estimates that 100,000-150,000 small cell antennas must be deployed by 2019, 455,000 by 2021 and 800,000 by 2027!
- 50% of all installations will be on electric utility poles (roughly 680,000 locations)
- Average yearly load per antenna is 4370 kWh.



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## IDAHO FIXED BROADBAND REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Idaho Broadband Cable Association commissioned an independent report from Cable Labs to look at broadband penetration in Idaho.
- Idaho has widespread availability of fixed broadband service and has comparable levels of broadband to other Intermountain West states.
- Nearly all (more than 99%) of Idaho's population and housing units have available fixed broadband service of 25 Mbps (down) and 3 Mbps (up), or higher, and a significant majority have available substantially higher speeds, including gigabit service.

#### BACKGROUND

- The analysis in this report is based on the most recent, publicly available deployment data (December 2017 Form 477 data) from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and population and housing data from the U.S. Census Bureau.
- In 2000, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) first established the Form 477 data collection to gather deployment and subscription information on broadband services, local telephone service competition, and mobile telephone services.
- All broadband providers including wireline, fixed and mobile wireless, and satellite are required to file a Form 477 with the FCC on a semiannual basis.
- Each provider of fixed broadband service must report, at the Census-block level, whether consumer and/or business services are offered as well as the maximum available data rates (downstream and upstream) offered for each form of access technology deployed.

#### DEFINITIONS

- All Fixed Satellite, Wireless (microwave), and Wired
- Fixed Terrestrial Wireless communications to connect two fixed locations.
- Wired DSL, Cable, Fiber
- <u>Census Block</u> the smallest geographic unit used by the US Census Bureau for tabulation.

#### STATE OF BROADBAND IN IDAHO

- As of December 2017 (which is the most recent publicly available FCC 477 dataset), nearly all of Idaho's population and geography have access to fixed broadband service, defined as 25Mbps (down)/3Mbps(up) or higher.
- In comparison, 85% of Idaho's population have access to fixed terrestrial broadband service (i.e., wireless and wired) and 82% have access to wired broadband service (e.g., DSL, cable, and fiber).

# POPULATION AND HOUSING COVERAGE

Transmission	Population	% Population	Housing Units	% Housing Units
Technologies				
All Fixed (Satellite,				
Fixed Terrestrial				
Wireless, and Wired)	1,716,700	99.995%	721,703	99.996%
Fixed Terrestrial				
(Wireless and Wired)	1,464,823	85.323%	604,584	83.769%
Wired (DSL, cable,				
fiber)	1,408,576	82.047%	574,609	79.616%

### MAX SPEED AVAILABILITY

- In addition to fixed broadband being widely available in Idaho, a significant portion of Idaho's population and housing units have available broadband speeds substantially higher than 25/3, including widespread availability of gigabit broadband service.
- As of December 2017, over 80% of Idaho's population had at least 100 Mbps downstream speeds available and 65% had gigabit broadband service available.
- Similar levels of availability are also seen when examining housing units.
- "Gigabit broadband service" is defined as a downstream speed of 940 Mbps or higher.

## MAX SPEED AVAILABILITY

Max Download	Population	% Population	Housing Units	% Housing Units
Speed Available				
(Mbps)				
25-50	302,713	17.632%	143,898	19.938%
50-100	26,222	1.527%	12,072	1.673%
100-250	256,619	14.948%	115,280	15.973%
250-500	17,101	0.996%	11,914	1.651%
940+	1,114,046	64.891%	438,539	60.762%

### FACTORS IMPACTING SPEED

- Device Specs/Limitations
- Hardwire vs. Wifi Connection
- Desktop App or Browser Selection
- Antivirus & Viruses
- # of Connected Devices and Open Apps
- Server Location

#### CHOICE

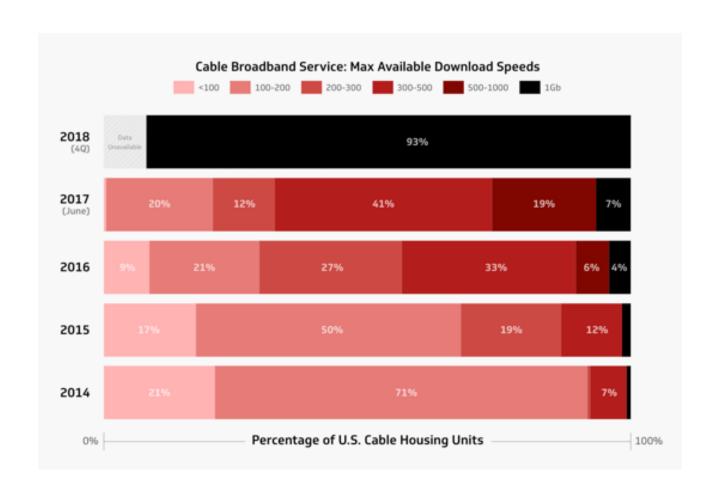
- The vast majority of Idaho's population also has choice in their fixed broadband provider.
- Across all transmission technologies, over 85% of the population has access to two or more fixed broadband providers and over 53% have access to two or more fixed terrestrial broadband providers.
- An examination of housing units provides similar results.

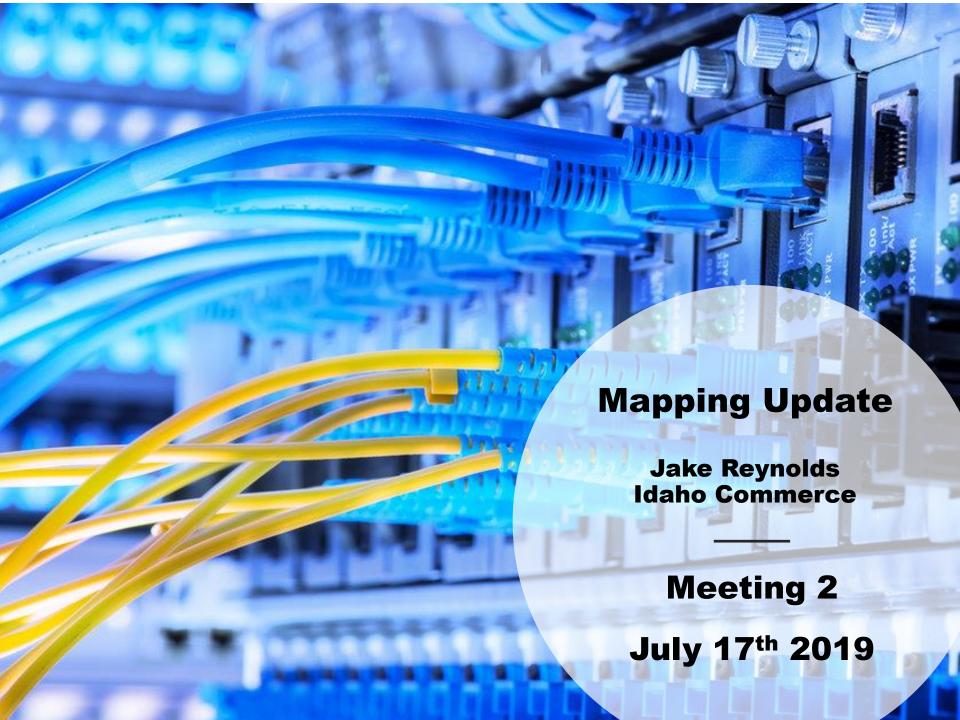
# COMPARISON OF OTHER INTERMOUNTAIN WEST STATES

	Fixed Terrestrial Broadband Availability			
State	% Housing Units	% Population		
Idaho	83.8%	85.3%		
Montana	84.3%	86.3%		
Nevada	92.8%	92.7%		
Utah	93.2%	94.2%		
Wyoming	79.6%	81.2%		

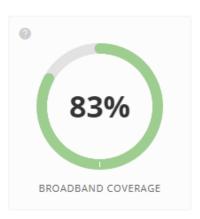
#### CONCLUSION

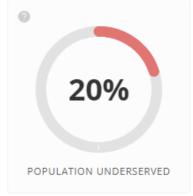
- The full report from Cable Labs should be available for public distribution by the end of next week.
- Speeds have increased tremendously over the last several years.
- 10G technology is coming.
- The FCC's Digital Opportunity Data Collection proposed order was issued last Thursday. This proposes the use of 'shapefiles' for 'geospatial broadband coverage maps'.





### **Broadbandnow.com Data**





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MBPS AVERAGE STATE-WIDE SPEED



#### WIRELESS COVERAGE

99.4%

of Idahoans have access to mobile broadband service.

93.8%

of Idahoans have access to fixed wireless service.



# Where are the gaps?

Unique zip codes that include people without access to 25mbps wired broadband

256,000 total pop.

At least 75% of total population of zip code does not have access to 25mbps

• 101,000 total pop.

11 population centers in 4 regions exceeding 3,000 each underserved

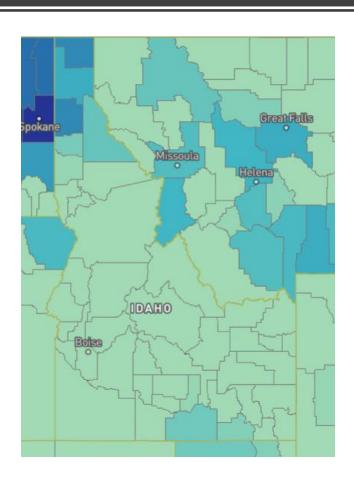
• 73,000 total pop.

Between 75% & 50% - additional 17 unique areas excluded in top areas

• 30,000 total pop.



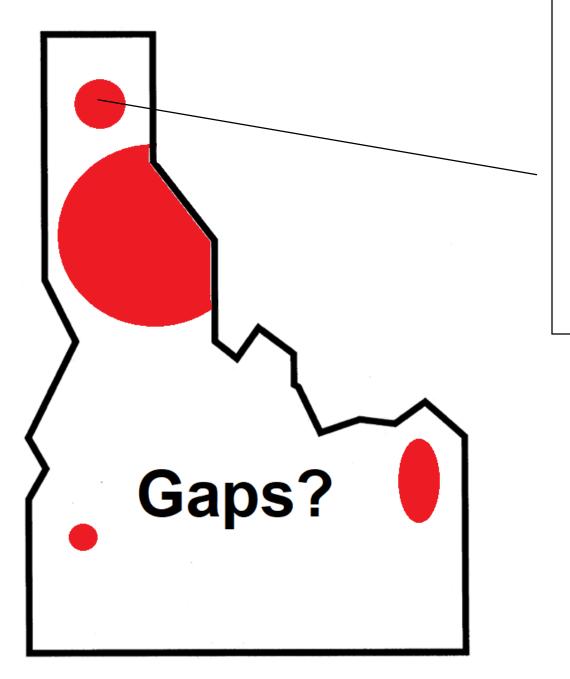
## Fixed Wireless & Satellite







Source: broadbandmap.fcc.gov/#/

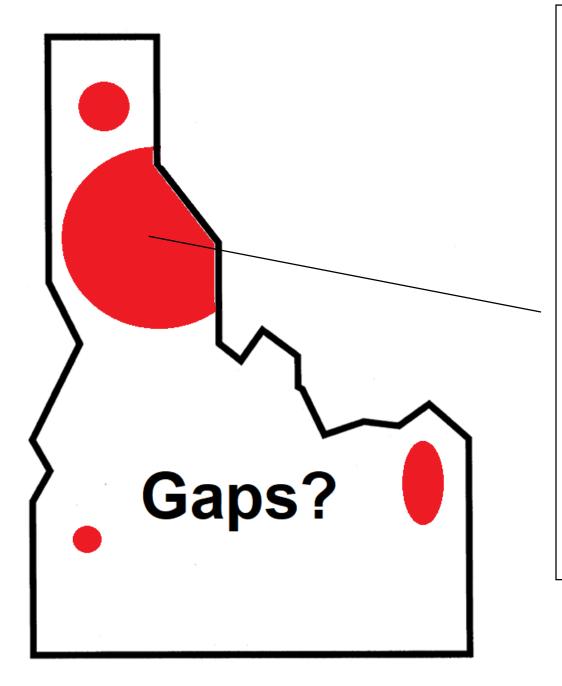


Spirit Lake
Cataldo
Harrison
Medimont
Moyie Springs
Naples

Total Population: 10,123

**Total Population** 

Under 25mbps: **9,086** 



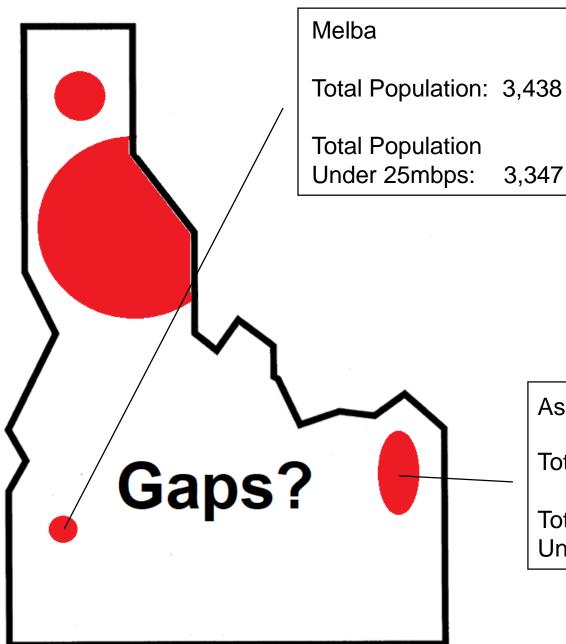
Saint Maries, Plummer, Fernwood Orofino, Weippe, Lenore Pierce, Ahsahka Grangeville, Cottonwood Kooskia, Stites, Riggins White Bird, Elk City, Ferdinand Pollock, Greencreek, Lucile Potlatch, Genesee, Deary Viola, Princeton, Harvard Kamiah, Craigmont, Nezperce Reubens, Lapwai, Culdesac, Peck Kellogg, Pinehurst, Wallace Kingston, Mullan, Smelterville Calder, Avery, Clarkia

Total Population: **57,513** 

**Total Population** 

Under 25mbps: **56,819** 





3,347

Ashton, Island Park, Newdale

Total Population: 4,078

**Total Population** 

Under 25mbps: 3,786



## **Clusters by County**

			Population without	
Gap Ranking	County	Cities	25mbps	<b>4</b>
		Grangeville, Cottonwood, Kooskia, Stites, Riggins, Whitebird, Elk City,		
1	Idaho	Ferdinand, Pollock, Greencreek, Lucile	13544	
		Kellogg, Pinehurst, Wallace, Kingston, Mullan, Smelterville, Calder, Avery,		
2	Shoshone	Clarkia	10020	
3	Clearwater	Orofino, Weippe, Lenore, Pierce, Ahsahka	9049	
4	Benewah	Saint Maries, Plummer, Fernwood	8703	
5	Latah	Potlatch, Genesee, Deary, Viola, Princeton, Harvard	6576	
6	Kootenai	Spirit Lake, Cataldo, Harrison, Medimont	5625	
7	Lewis	Kamiah, Craigmont, Nezperce, Reubens	5264	
8	Fremont	Ashton, Island Park, Newdale	3786	
9	Nez Perce	Lapwai, Culdesac, Peck	3663	
10	Boundary	Moyie Springs, Naples	3461	
11	Canyon	Melba	3347	



### **Small Discrepancies?**

- Reubens, Idaho population 117
  - Broadbandnow.com 100% under 25mbps
  - ISP data ≥ 25mbps
- Kamiah, Idaho population 4,230
  - Broadbandnow.com 87% under 25mbps
  - ISP data ≥ 25mbps
- Lapwai, Idaho population 2,190
  - Broadbandnow.com 100% under 25mbps
  - ISP data ≥ 25mbps
- Others? More verification needed





#### North Region Gap

- 5 Public Schools
- 2 Libraries
- Other Facilities?
- North Central Gap
  - 33 Public Schools
  - 25 Libraries
  - 20 Hospitals/Clinics
  - Other Facilities?
- South West Gap
  - 2 Public Schools
  - Other Facilities?
- East Idaho Gap
  - 3 Public Schools
  - 1 Library
  - 1 Hospital/Clinics



