



Big Sky: A Regional Broadband Workshop

August 31- September 1, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn
Missoula, MT

August 31, 2016

Registration		11:00am-12:00pm
Opening Luncheon	<i>A special thank you to the Montana Telecommunications Association for the luncheon</i>	12:15-1:15pm
Welcome Remarks	John Engen , Mayor of Missoula Geoff Feiss , General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA) Doug Kinkoph , Associate Administrator, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, NTIA	12:15-12:35pm
Keynote Conversation	Angela Simpson , Deputy Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, U.S. Department of Commerce	12:35-1:15pm
Break		1:15-1:30pm
1st Panel Broadband Financing: Understanding Federal Funding Options	Keith Adams , Assistant Administrator, Rural Utilities Service Telecommunications Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Ian Forbes , Attorney-Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Tim Herwig , District Development Officer, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, U.S. Department of the Treasury Kirk Keysor , Economic Development Representative, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce Aimee Meacham , Director of External Affairs, NTIA (<i>Moderator</i>)	1:30-2:25pm
2nd Panel Public Private Partnerships	Jenn Ewan , Vice President, Missoula Economic Partnership David Fine , Economic Development Specialist, City of Bozeman, MT Christopher Mitchell , Policy Director, Next Century Cities; Director, Community Broadband Networks, Institute for Local Self-Reliance Michael Santorelli , Director, Advanced Communications Law and Policy Institute, New York Law School David P. Young , Fiber infrastructure and Right of Way Manager, City of Lincoln, Public Works Don Williams , Senior Broadband Development Officer, BroadbandUSA, NTIA (<i>Moderator</i>)	2:30-3:25pm



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Breakout Panels		3:45-4:50pm
Breakout 1 Getting Started: Planning	David Gibson , CEO, 3 Rivers Communications Dana Kirkham , Mayor, City of Ammon, ID Kate McMahon , Consultant, Applied Communications Bryan von Lossberg , Ward 1 Councilman, City of Missoula Ken Wall , President, Geodata Services Frank Odasz , President, Lone Eagle Consulting Jean Rice , Senior Broadband Program Specialist, BroadbandUSA, NTIA (<i>Moderator</i>)	Salon E
Breakout 2 Rural Broadband: the Role of Anchor Institutions	Valerie Fast Horse , Director, Information Technology, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Barry Fowler , Director of Human & System Resources, Clark Fork Valley Hospital Hatton Littman , Director of Technology and Communications, Missoula County Public Schools Jerry Sheehan , CIO, Montana State University Jennie Stapp , Montana State Librarian; Chairman of the Board, Schools, Health, Libraries & Broadband Coalition Jerry Tilley , COO, Nemont Telephone Cooperative Angela Siefer , Director, National Digital Inclusion Alliance (<i>Moderator</i>)	Salon A/B/C
Break		4:50-5:00pm
3rd Panel Broadband in Big Sky	Joe Briggs , Commissioner, Cascade County, MT; Chair, Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee, National Association of Counties (NACo) Rob Ferris , CEO, Vision Net, Inc.; member, Governor's Key Industry Network Bob Lake , Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission Dan Lloyd , Economic Development Specialist, Governor's Office of Economic Development, State of Montana Bill Squires , CEO, Blackfoot Telecommunications Group; member, Governor's Key Industry Network Laura Spining , Director of Industry Relations and Products, BroadbandUSA, NTIA (<i>Moderator</i>)	5:00-5:55pm
Closing Remarks	Geoff Feiss , General Manager, MTA Douglas Kinkoph , Associate Administrator, NTIA	5:55-6:00pm
NETWORKING RECEPTION	Thank you to MTA for its generous sponsorship	6:00-7:30pm

Please join us at the Hilton Garden Inn Rotunda North for a Networking Reception sponsored by Montana Telecommunications Association. You will have the opportunity to talk face-to-face with broadband stakeholders and engage with other attendees to discuss private public partnerships, and other broadband issues and concerns.



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September 1, 2016

Registration		8:00-10:00am
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Tribal Breakfast: Next Steps for Tribal Access and Digital Inclusion	Jean Rice, NTIA (facilitator)	8:00-9:15am Clark Fork River Boardroom
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Please join us for a tribal broadband meeting. This meeting will provide an opportunity for tribal participants and partners to discuss their broadband initiatives, share best practices and meet and greet. We will also discuss the Broadband Opportunity Council and Broadband USA's broadband initiatives that support deployment and digital inclusion in Indian Country. Please contact Giselle Sanders at gsanders@ntia.doc.gov to sign-up or if you have questions. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome.

BroadbandUSA Technical Assistance "Office Hours"	Don Williams, NTIA Tim Herwig, OCC/Treasury Kim Jacobs, USDA Ian Forbes, FCC Kirk Keysor, EA	8:00-10:00am Salon F
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We set aside time for one-on-one meetings with a member of our technical assistance team and other federal agency representatives.

Community Connectivity Initiative: Measuring Broadband Access and Adoption	Laura Spining, NTIA Karen Perry, NTIA	9:30-11:45am Salon A/B/C
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Please join us for a discussion and hands-on engagement on the BroadbandUSA [Community Connectivity Initiative \(CCI\)](#). BroadbandUSA is collaborating with broadband stakeholders nationwide to develop an interactive, online tool that will support communities, and help to improve and accelerate broadband and digital inclusion planning. This working group is open to everyone, and will include an overview of BroadbandUSA's CCI tool and demonstrate the Phase One concepts and elements of the tool. We will ask for your feedback on the concepts, what you like about the tool and what we can improve. If you would like to join this conversation, please contact Giselle Sanders at gsanders@ntia.doc.gov.

Break		11:45am-12:00pm
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Field Trip: Tour of University of Montana; Missoula Public Schools and Blackfoot Communications	Bill Squires, Blackfoot Telecommunications Group Matt Riley, CIO, University of Montana Hatton Littman, Missoula County Public Schools	12:00pm-3:00pm
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Join us for a tour of Blackfoot Telecommunications, the University of Montana, and the Missoula Public Schools. This special guided tour will take you by bus, departing from the Hilton Garden Inn at 12:00 pm, and returning at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be available (at attendee expense) on campus at the University of Montana. If you would like to join the bus tour, please contact Giselle Sanders at gsanders@ntia.doc.gov. More details will be available soon and posted at [BroadbandUSA](#).

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