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# Digital Equity Webinar Series: Digital Equity Solutions for Tribal Nations

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October 24, 2024



# Agenda

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Juan Sanchez, Federal Program Officer, NTIA

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## Gila River Overview

Mikhail Sundust, Executive Director, Digital Connect, an Initiative of Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.

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## Chickasaw Nation Overview

Josh Snow, President, Trace Fiber Networks Connect

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## Q&A

All

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## Closing

Juan Sanchez, Federal Program Officer, NTIA

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# Gila River Overview

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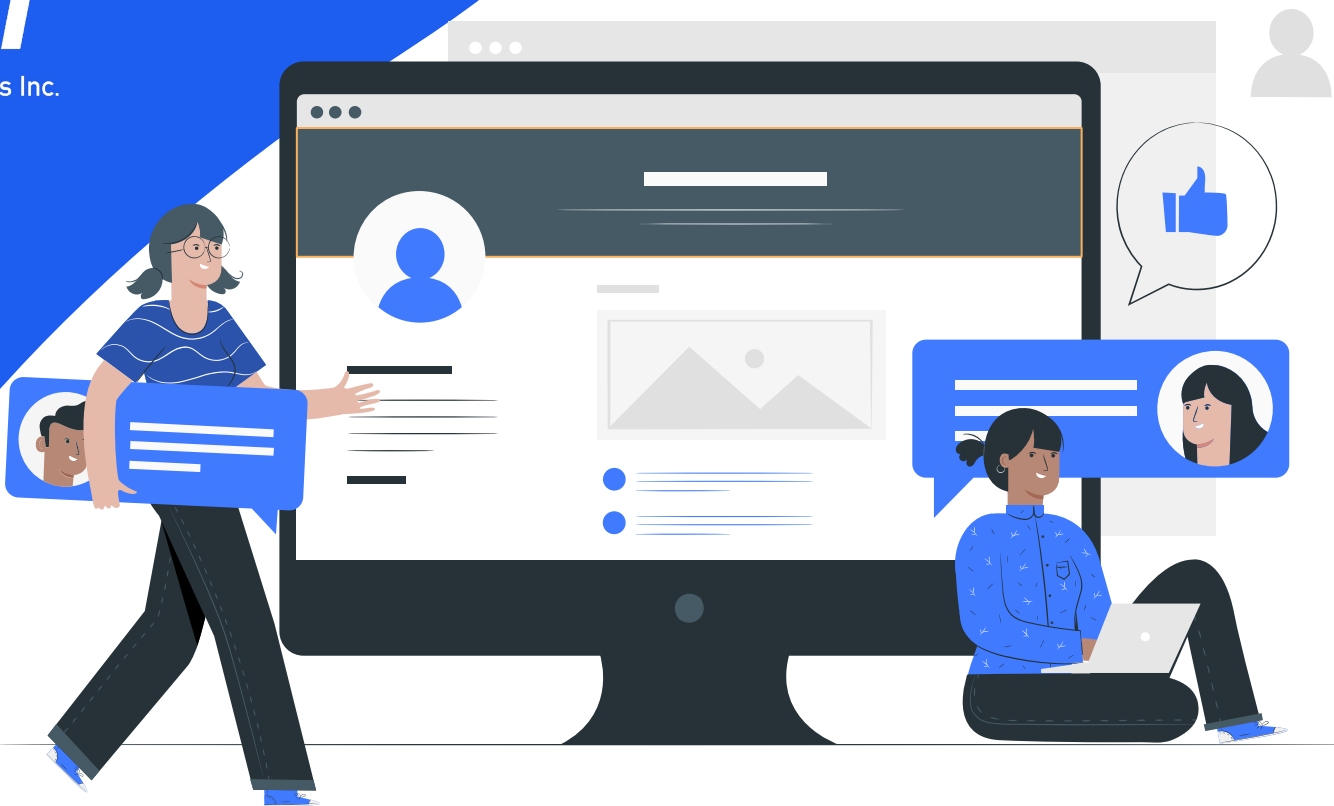


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## MIKHAIL SUNDUST

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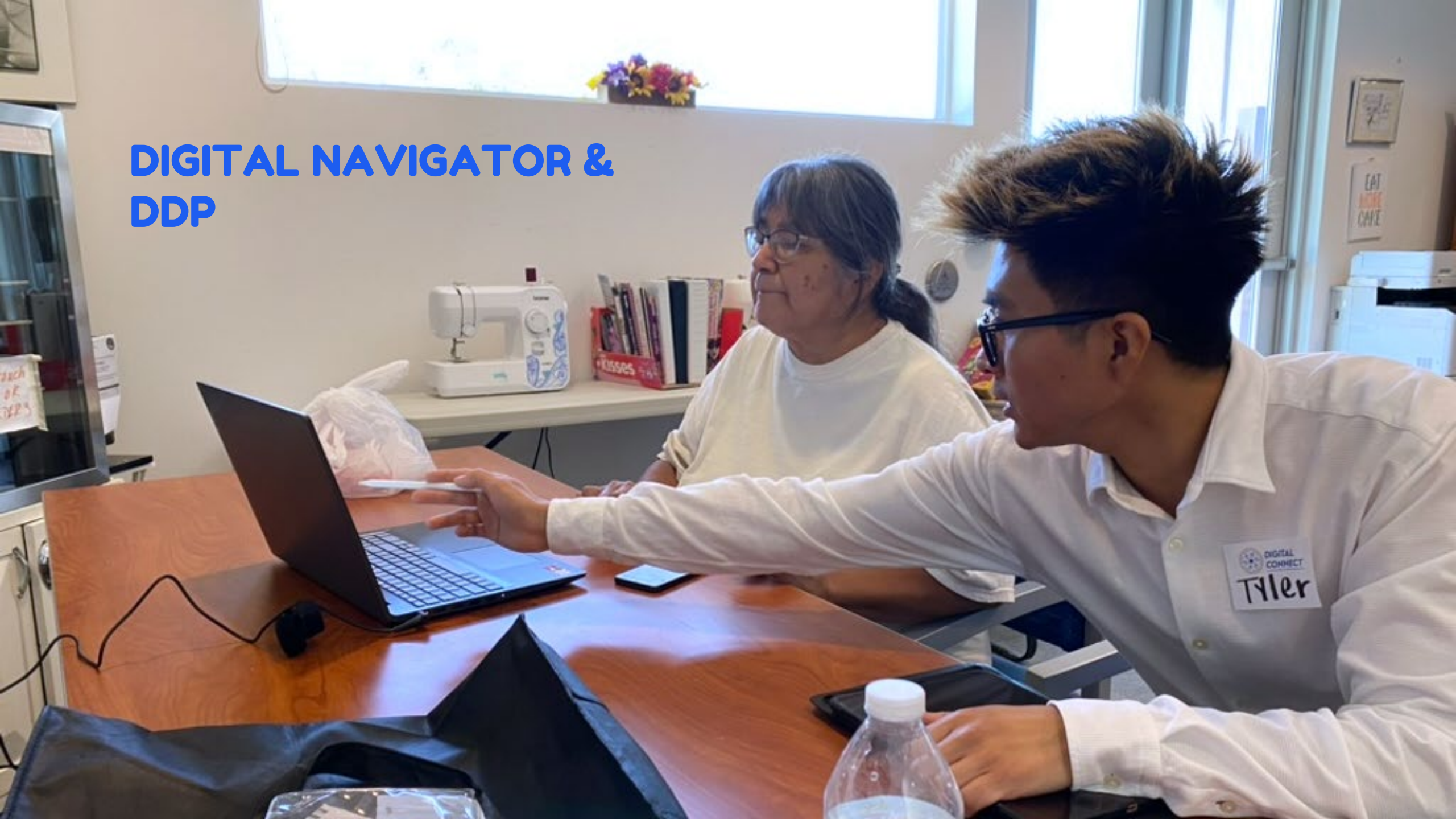
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# DIGITAL NAVIGATOR & DDP







# DIGITAL NAVIGATOR



**280**

Clients Sessions in  
2024



**141**

New Clients in 2024



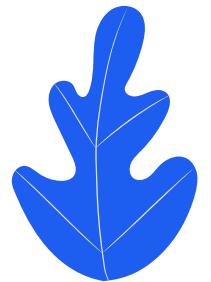
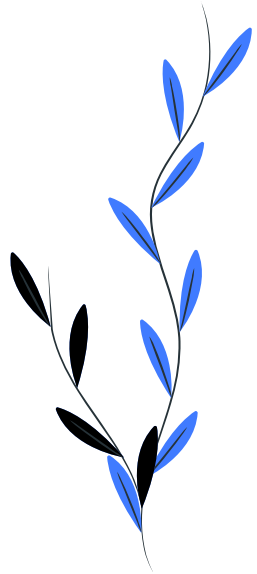
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Office Hours hosted  
by our Digital  
Navigator



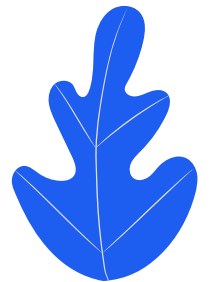
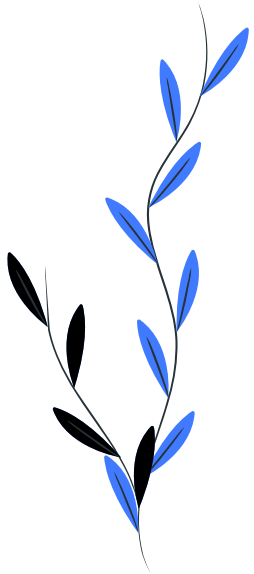
# SENIOR PLANET

FROM **AARP**



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# SENIOR PLANET



*The Staff at DCI was great! They presented the material professionally and were prepared to address our concerns and questions. Great job and Thank you for coming out to meet us and share critical information.*

*DCI is informative, patient and cares immensely about Elders. Thank you so much for bringing the tech classes to the Districts.*



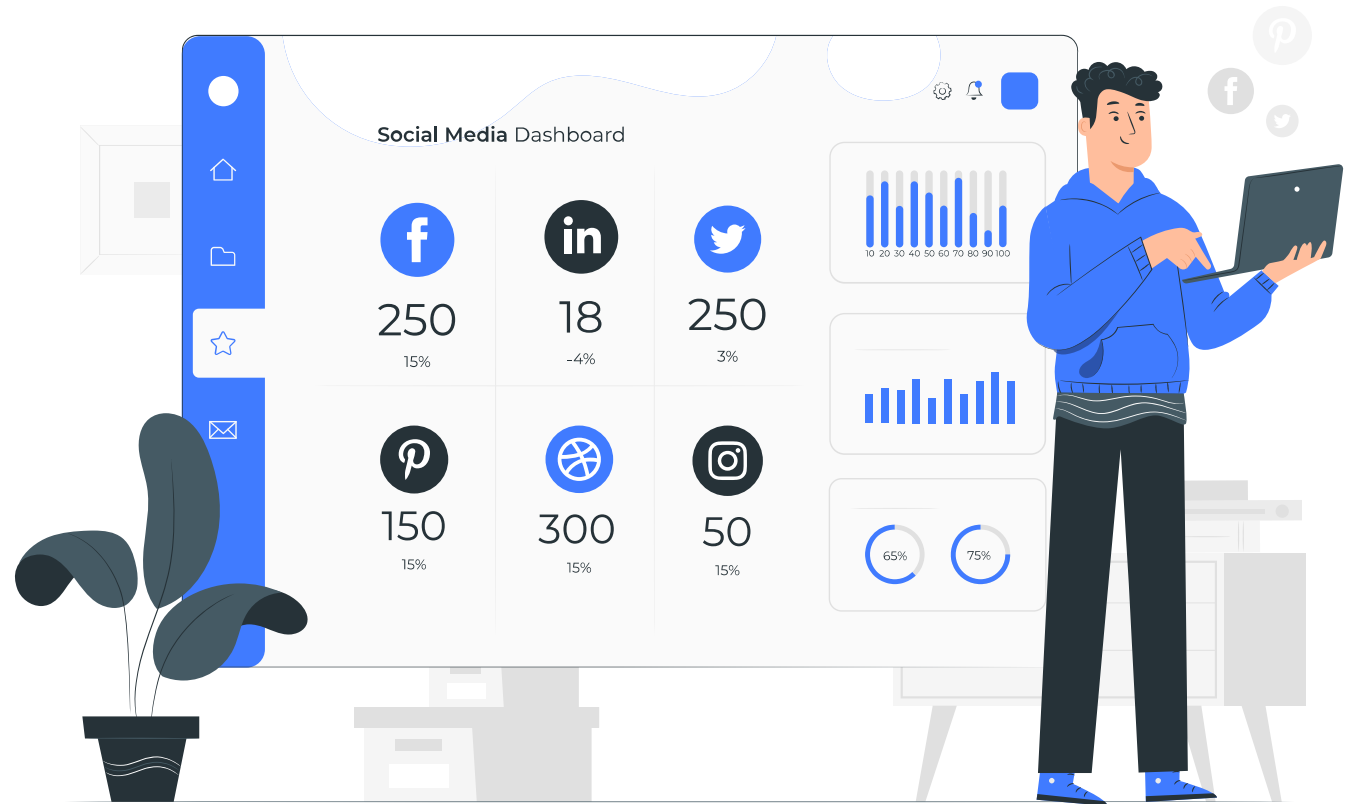


# PRO SKILLS



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- Workforce development
- 2,000+ tribal employees
- 34 registered





**There was so much more to Outlook that I didn't know about. I learned new techniques to help make my work day more efficient. I am looking forward to taking more useful classes with DCI.**

—Pro Skills Client



# TECHIE CAMPS



## **TECHIE CAMPS**

## **SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL**

Technology classroom/teacher  
Free laptops

## **YOUTH COUNCIL**

12 participants  
at GRTI Headquarters

## **CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

5 families  
Grades 3-5



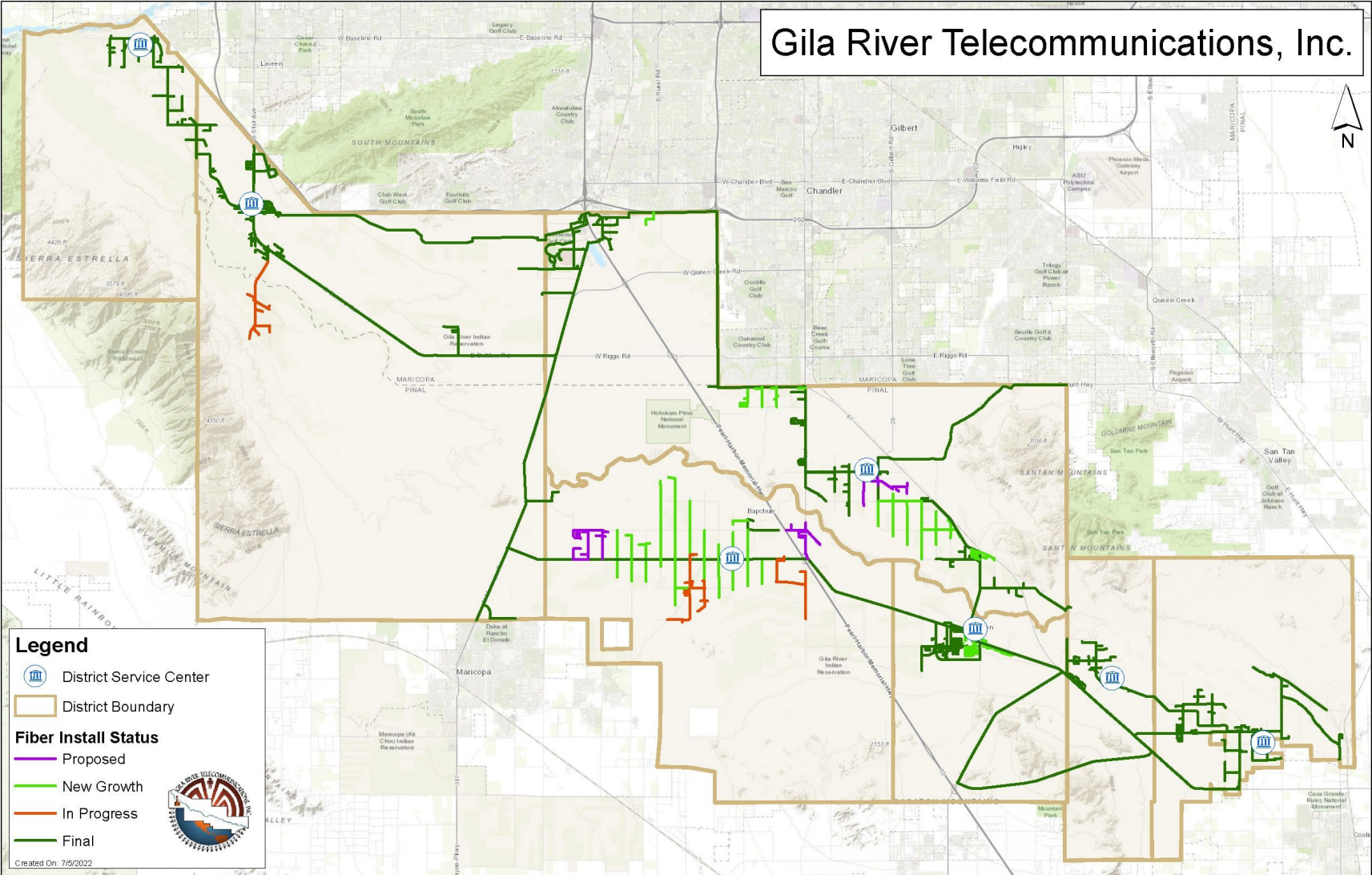
# Fiber to the Home





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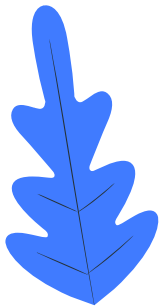
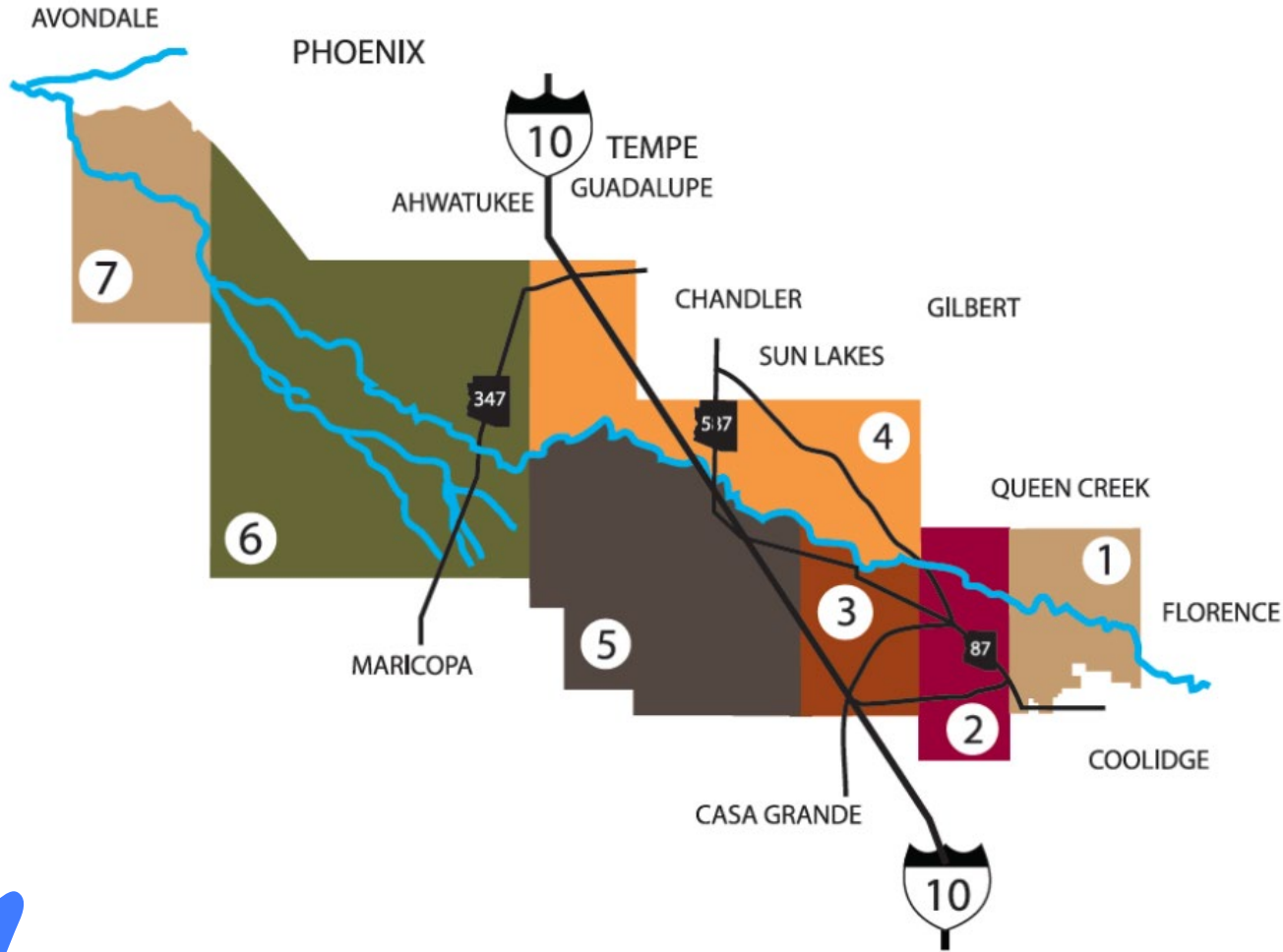


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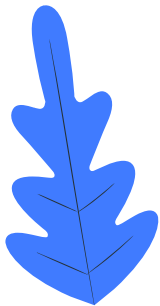
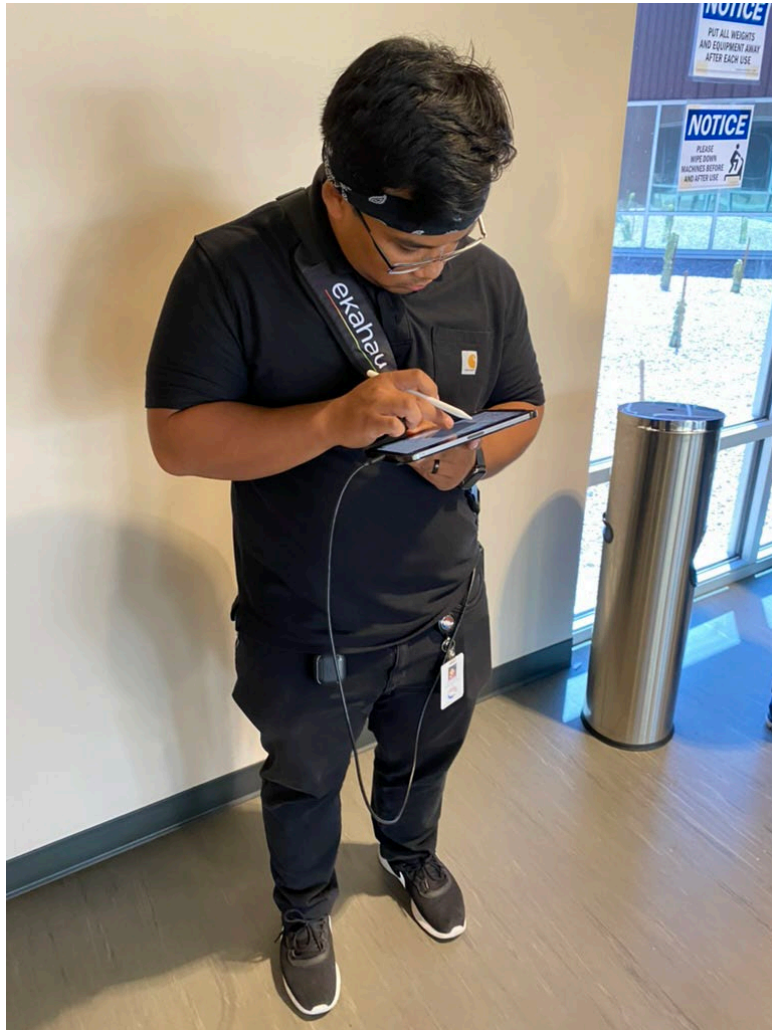
- Seven District Service Centers
- 25Mbps/device, segmented
- Remote work
- Increased economic opportunity



# PUBLIC WI-FI



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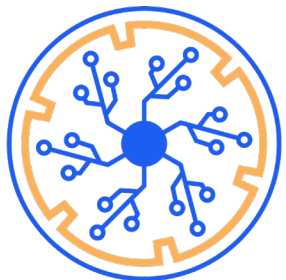


# Thanks

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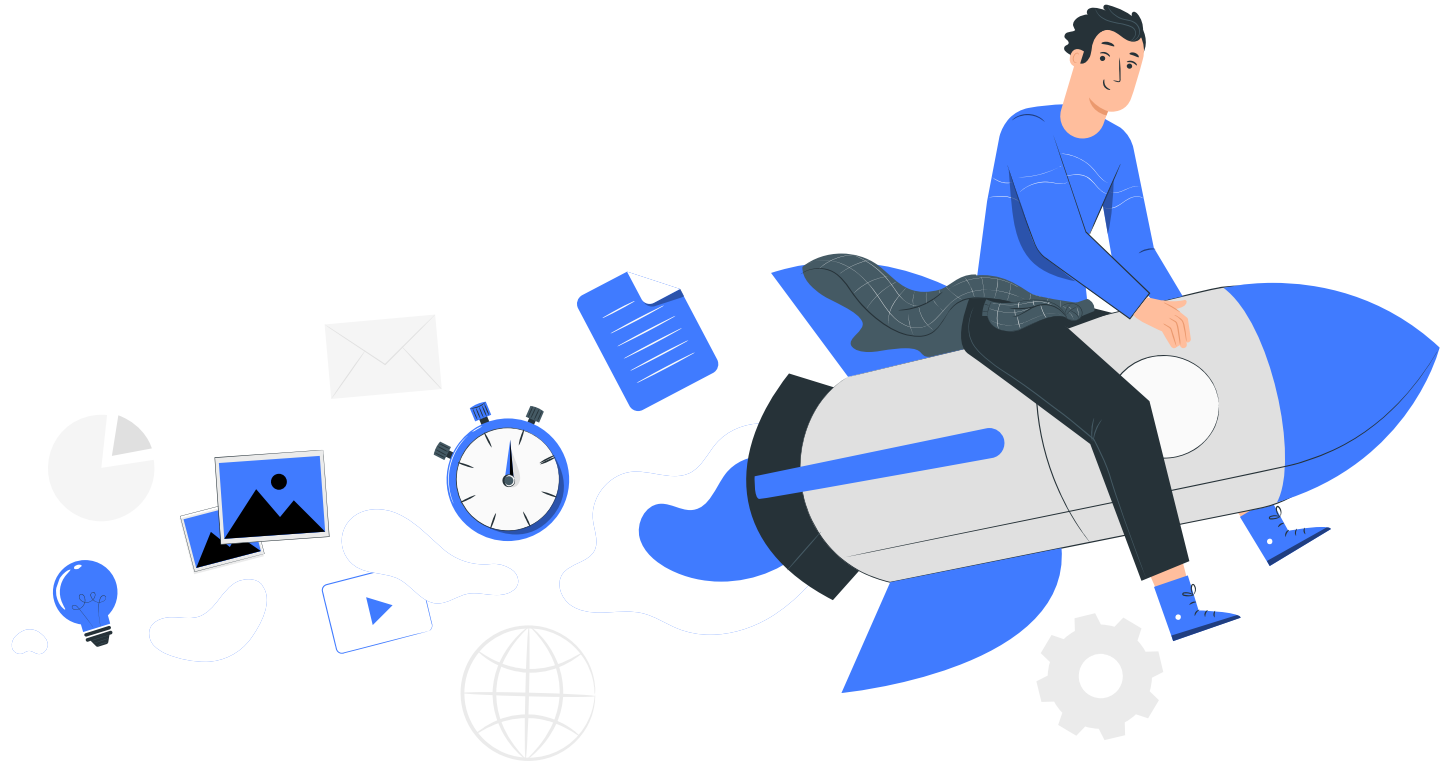
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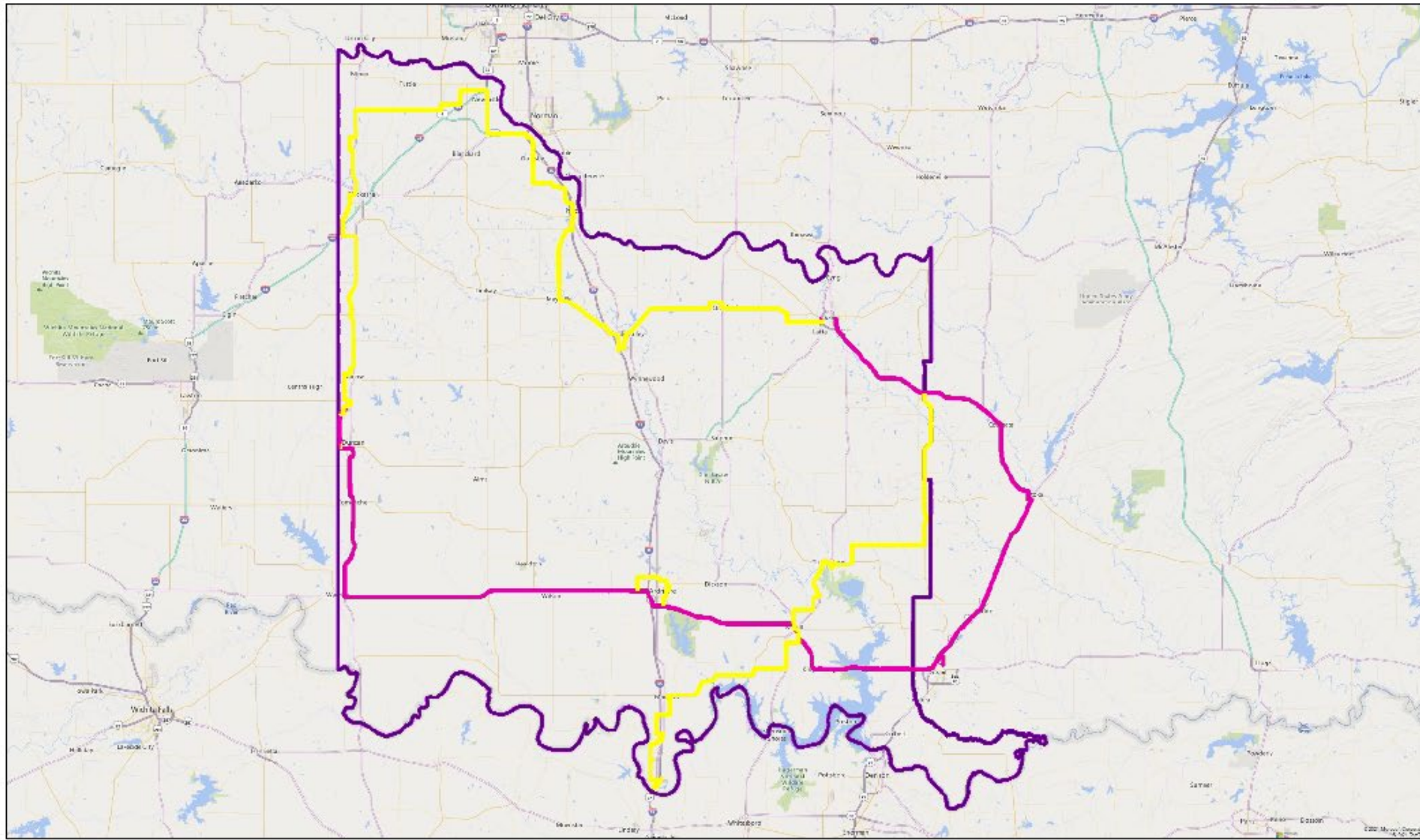


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# Chickasaw Nation Overview

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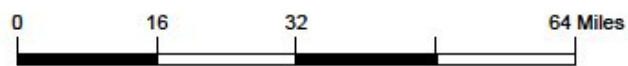


**Legend**

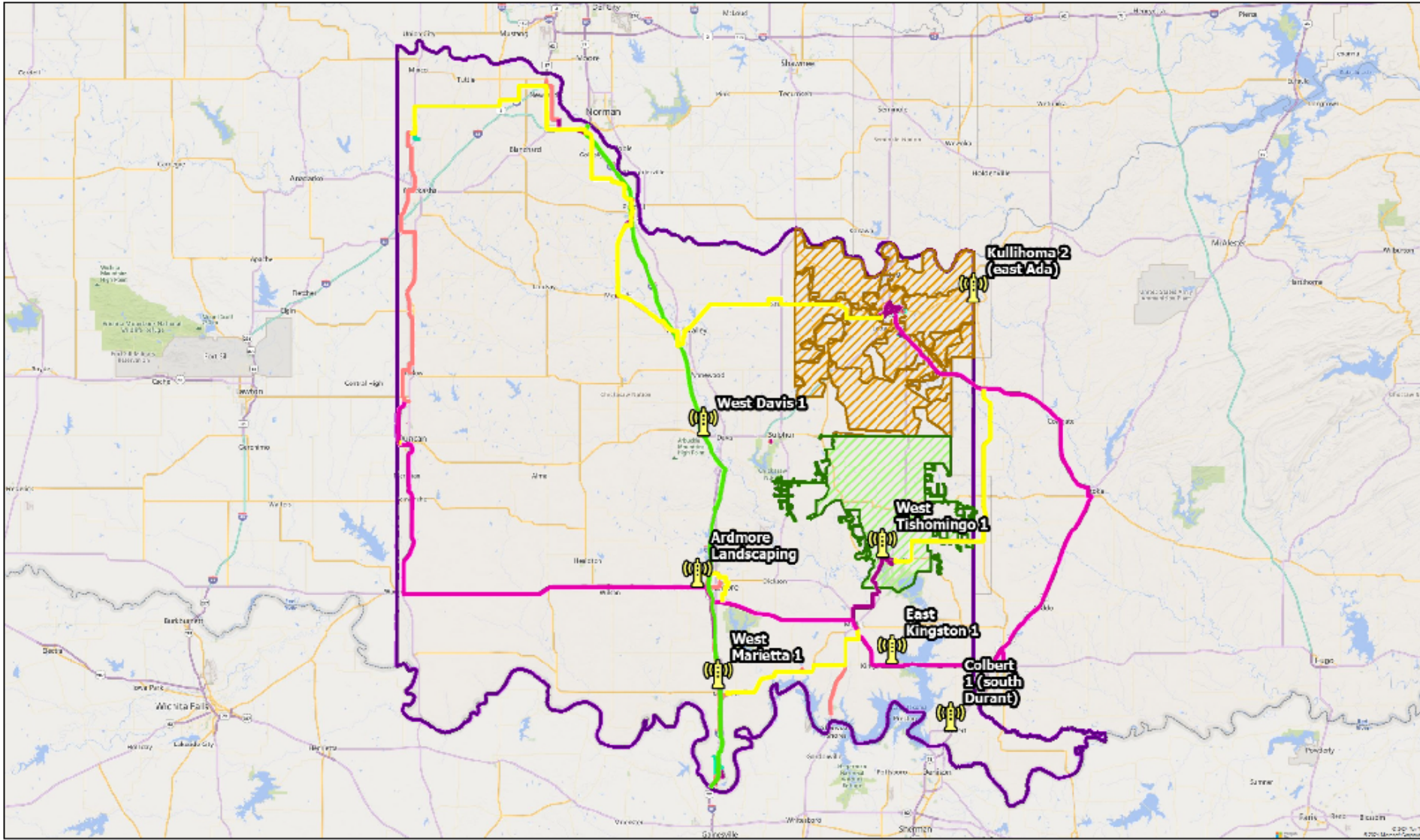
- Primary Fiber Line
- OCAN Fiber Line
- CN Service Boundary

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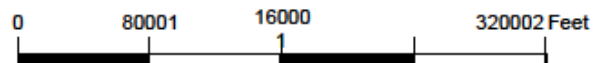


Legend

- EDA Tower Locations
- Primary Fiber Line
- ODOT Fiber Line
- OGAN Fiber Line
- Conduit
- Fiber Optic Cable
- Leased Fiber Line
- RUS R4 PFSA
- NTIA TBCP R1 PFSA
- Chickasaw Nation Treaty Territory

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**Q & A**

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