

2/20/22 Fiber Project Update

### **Great News!**

#### **The projected start date for our fiber project (weather allowing) is Monday, February 28!**

The State of Colorado Broadband Board and Vero Fiber Networks, parent to Vero Broadband, have a signed agreement for our project paving the way to get it implemented.

Vero's plan to ensure completion of the backbone (the part to be buried in the roads) in time for our spring road work will be constructed in two phases. The first phase will begin at once while the roads are still frozen. Since our spring roadwork plan this year calls for new gravel and chemical treatment on Upper Beaver Creek, Elk Valley, Sawmill and Wieland, they will have the fiber conduit installed as soon as possible. This will allow more time for these roads to settle where the trenches are cut before finishing the roads. Phase two, all remaining roads, will have conduit installed more likely in April, again weather dependent. These remaining roads will have a different trench compacting process to ensure their integrity as it is not expected that they will be re-worked until next year. Our roadwork is planned to begin around May 1<sup>st</sup> so as to ensure adequate water in the creek for the work.

Sid Arnold, our long-standing contact, will be overseeing our entire project including the fiber installation process to our homes. Vero has hired a new manager, Chris Bowmer, with 17 years of experience installing buried utilities to manage the backbone installation. As further plans develop, I will be sharing more details, especially about where traffic interruptions may occur throughout the process.

Hopefully, this is finally the physical beginning of the end of a 15+ year effort to bring high-speed internet to Deer Valley. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience, especially during this last year of disappointments and setbacks. I remain confident that we will all be pleased with the outcome. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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