

4/15/22 Fiber Project Update

Making Good Progress!

As of today, the fiber backbone installation is approaching Sawmill Drive, progressing northward toward the front of Deer Valley!

Having installed conduit in Upper Beaver Creek, Log Cabin, Elk Valley and a small part of Lower Beaver Creek, the conclusion by Circle Z (contractor) is that saw cutting the road is problematic given our road substrates. Sawing the road brings up a combination of surface gravel, hard three-inch (fist sized) granite river rock, along with the clay soil underneath. This all mixes together when it is cut so that it contaminates the gravel needed to finish the surface to fill the trench. It is costly to haul and apply new gravel to return our roads to their original condition. To off-set this unanticipated cost, the new strategy for the rest of the project will be to trench along the roads in the right-of-way and only cut the roads where necessary to crossover, avoid paved driveways or where topography may prohibit using the side of the road efficiently. (For those using the roads already saw cut, you should know that the surface remediation has not been completed, handholes are continuing to be installed and fiber still needs to be put in the conduit.)

We welcome and support this new strategy as it will result in much less damage to our roads. The contractor is also finding that trenching the side of the road is faster than cutting the road, given the problems with the substrates. We continue to encourage everyone's extra caution when approaching equipment working along the roads.

We do not have a timeline yet for when phase 2 of the project will begin. This phase will start the process of connecting homes to the backbone via the handholes. We will keep you apprised of that timeline when it is decided.

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