Backbone Fiber Installation is Complete!

I am pleased to report, as of Friday evening, all the backbone fiber has been installed into the conduit along all our roads. What this means is that a fiber connection is now possible from the road to all homes. Of interest might be that a single unbroken fiber line was installed from the top of Wieland Drive to the equipment cabinet location at the top of the hill on Elk Valley Road, roughly 2.35 miles. Each of the remaining feeder roads, Spur, Sawmill, Stagecoach, Log Cabin, and Upper Beaver Creek, roughly an additional 1.1 miles, also have fiber installed that will splice into this line to complete the backbone network.

The next steps will include installation of the remaining drop hand holes where the orange conduit has crossed the roads. These will likely be installed early next week and will likely be the same size as those already installed and not a smaller version due the latter being unavailable. Once these are installed, remediation of the mess left behind from all the road cutting and digging will begin, likely later next week. This will include cleanup of the roads, (scraping leftover dried clay mud off the surface and picking up surface rocks) compacting the road holes and cuts and replacing 3" of clean gravel in these areas. In addition, the trenches dug along the roads and around the hand holes will be compacted and leftover rocks and roots will be cleared. Finally, ditches and culverts that may have been compromised during construction will be cleaned. The goal will be to make these look as close as possible to the way it was before the work. Obviously, grass will not be re-planted and pine needles will not be spread to hide the trenches along the roads. While we will be closely watching all this remediation, we encourage Owners who have special concerns to bring those to our attention as the work progresses. We also ask Owners to be reasonable in their expectations as much of our right-of-way has been roughly maintained previously.

How to Sign Up for high-Speed Service?

When the work above is completed in the next couple of weeks, phase 2 of the project will begin. We expect in the next few days to be sending out the details of how Owners can sign-up for service. We understand this to be a Vero secure website where you will be asked to fill out your contact and billing information and say what services you want. Doing so will start the process of your being contacted by Vero personnel to install the fiber to your home. This phase will not involve any work inside the home. A small box, like a phone box, will be installed on the outside of your home and will hold reserve fiber line to penetrate your home during phase 3.

Part of this process will be the installation of the equipment cabinet, electricity, and the radio signal receiver (dish) along the road on Elk Valley. Recall that this dish will be temporary and located on Lot 46 until a major fiber line is installed along Highway 160. We understand that part of this fiber line is being installed from Wolf Creek Pass to Pagosa Springs this summer.

Phase 3

The last phase of the project will be to hook the fiber running to the outside of your home to the network inside. This will involve installing a modem box on the inside of your home. All of this will be at no cost to the Owner if you sign-up for service before or while this phase is underway. Stand by for instructions to sign up for service!

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