



April 16, 2019

Dear local farm, ranch, or business owner:

The Grant County Digital Network Coalition and OTC Connections (Ortelco) are exploring opportunities to expand high-speed internet availability throughout our community. The first step is a market study to determine the level of interest in offering broadband service to residents who currently have insufficient service available. We are particularly interested in how this issue affects the farm community and agricultural businesses.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has an upcoming rural broadband grant program to expand the growth of broadband in underserved or unserved areas. Grant County Digital, in partnership with Ortelco, is considering applying for this grant to expand high-speed internet access to our community. Ortelco is a highly experienced internet service provider that already serves some of the more densely populated portions of Grant County.

We are proposing to extend new fiber optic internet service to area residents in these locations:

- 1) John Day to Seneca (including Bear Valley, Izee Paulina, and Canyon Creek Road)
- 2) Mt. Vernon to Long Creek
- 3) Long Creek to Monument
- 4) Monument to Kimberly
- 5) Kimberly to Spray

One of the requirements of this grant opportunity is that we must identify the interest of farms, ranches and local businesses in these areas to have access to high-speed, fiber optic internet. It is important to have your input for this process and the USDA requires that the form included in this letter be completed by farms and businesses that are not fully served with broadband today. Some of the questions refer to your current service and may not apply if you do not have internet service at this time.

Please fill out the form included with this letter to the best of your ability and return it to your nearest OTC Connections office or the John Day, Seneca or Long Creek city halls.

Completing this form does not commit you to subscribing to any service that may be developed in the future if grant funding is provided to the region.

We truly appreciate your feedback and input in this endeavor to explore enhanced high-speed internet services in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Walker".

Josh Walker, Chair
Grant County Digital Network Coalition

ReConnect Program

Broadband Pre-subscription Form for Farms and Other Businesses

Oregon Telephone Corp. is applying for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s ReConnect Program. If successful, this funding will allow Oregon Telephone Corp. to bring broadband service to your location. If you are interested in receiving broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. Would you be a farm or other business customer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Other Business
2. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
3. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <input type="text"/> Internet \$ <input type="text"/> Landline Phone \$ <input type="text"/> Cell Phone \$ <input type="text"/> Video \$ <input type="text"/> Other (specify)
4. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> < 25 Mbps downstream, but at least 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> < 100 Mbps downstream, but at least 25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don’t know
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your farm or business needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> < 25 Mbps downstream, but at least 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> < 100 Mbps downstream, but at least 25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don’t know
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from Oregon Telephone Corp?*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer

*This Pre-subscription form is not a binding commitment made by Oregon Telephone Corp.

Respondent Contact Information

Owner Name:	Phone Number:
	Email Address:
Farm or Other Business Name:	Address:
	(Number and Street)
	(City, State)
	(Zip code)

Respondent Signature: _____ Date: _____