



Broadband Project Update

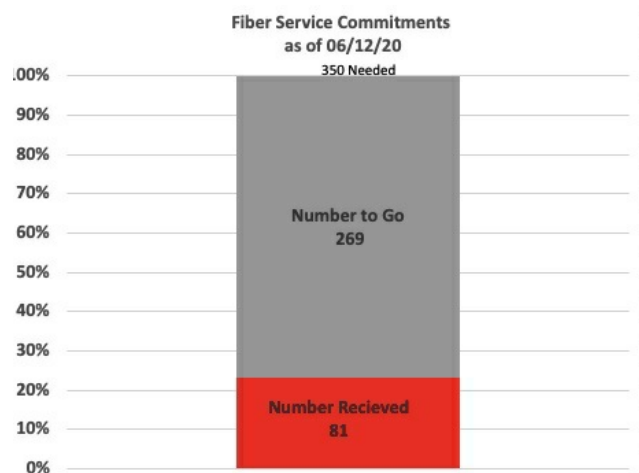
We have 81 commitments to date.

Thank you to everyone who committed so far!

A commitment means you agree to sign up for high-speed internet fiber from South Park Telephone if we are awarded the grant. We need close to 350 commitments by June 30th to apply for the State grant.

Here's the breakdown of the 63 commitments:

- 40 – Elk Falls Ranch
- 06 – Mountain View Lakes
- 06 – S. Elk Creek Road
- 29 - Woodside



Commitments, which include the \$500 installation fee, help us determine the *real interest* (demand) for this service. It is not a sustainable business model for [South Park Telephone](#) if enough demand isn't truly there. What this means is, if we can't get reasonably close to 350 commitments, we won't be able to apply for the grant. Even with the grant, South Park Telephone will still be investing a substantial amount of money (~\$1.5 million) in infrastructure. If they don't have enough customers, it will not make sense for them to make the investment.

Remember the **\$500 is fully refundable** if we don't get enough commitments or do not get the grant.

We can use your help. Talk to people you know in the neighborhood. Remind them of the benefits. This is a great opportunity. If you sign-up up-front, the cost of installation is \$500 vs. \$2,000-\$3,000 for one-off installation. And you can take advantage of a discount on monthly rates. Latecomers will not be offered the discount. A long list of other benefits is on the Broadband website: www.285broadband.com

Link to online commitments: <https://www.southparktelephone.com/staunton-state-park-commitment-form/>

Letters of Support:

We currently have 48 letters of support which is really great and we thank you. However, we have a goal of 100. It does make a difference. It tells the [Deployment Board](#) that there is a real need. I know every one of us is busy, but if you could make some time to compose a letter, it would be appreciated.

Examples of letters can be found with other grant submissions at this link: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora-broadband-fund/initial-awards-right-first-refusals-and-appeals>. The Burland grant, for example, has a lot of letters of support you can get

ideas from.

Link to [Guidelines for Letters of Support](#).

Thank you to everyone who's supported the project thus far. The next few weeks are truly critical in terms of being able to be ready for the grant application due July 30, 2020.

As always, call or email with questions or concerns.

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P.S. Don't forget to join the Broadband Initiative Facebook Discussion Group for the most up-to-date information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2441495086101499>



Park County Burn Ban Update

Effective May 25, 2020

The following letter from Sheriff McGraw provides details:

The following acts are prohibited on all public and private property until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire, including charcoal.
2. Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads or trails.
4. Blasting, welding or other activities, which generate flame or flammable material.
5. Fireworks and model rocketry.
6. Target shooting and recreational shooting is prohibited, including the Forestry areas.
7. Operating a chain saw without a 10lb ABC or 2 ½ gallon pressurized or equivalent fire extinguisher, and large size pointed shovel readily available for quick use.

Exceptions:

1. Persons with a written exemption from the Sheriff that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Approved fully contained outdoor wood burning furnace/boiler.
5. For commercial operations authorized under contract or permit, internal and external combustion engines may be operated as approved by the Forest Service within designated areas.
6. Licensed hunters that are actively pursuing game.

Please abide by the [County Ordinance 19-01](#). Citations for violations will start at \$500 and increase to \$1000.

[Park County Fire Districts](#)

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sheriff Tom McGraw

Go to the county website at parkco.us for details of the burn ban and for information about the county burn ordinance 19-01.

You can call 719-836-4160 for updated information about the Burn Ban. You may

also contact your local fire district.

Jeffco Fire Restrictions Reminder



Effective at 3:00 p.m. on March 31, 2020, Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Shrader implemented [temporary Stage 1 Fire Restrictions](#) for all lands in Unincorporated Jefferson County.

Pursuant to the Annual Operating Plan regarding the implementation of Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans; and due to the continuing high fire danger condition within Jefferson County, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are being enacted. This temporary Fire Ban became effective at 3:00 P.M. on March 31, 2020, and shall remain in effect until superseded or repealed.

Information about what is prohibited and allowed during a fire restriction can be found on the fire restriction detail webpage:

[Fire Restriction Details](#)

Jeffco Fire Information Hotline

For information regarding Jefferson County remote slash collection, burn permits and fireworks, and current Jefferson County fire restrictions and bans call the fire information hotline 303-271-8200.

Subscribe to Alerts

To be alerted to changes in Jefferson County fire restrictions and bans [subscribe to the email fire restrictions and bans 'notify me' list](#).