



## Why have we chosen South Park Telephone (SPT) to be our potential grant partner?

### South Park Telephone:

1. Familiar with the Broadband Grant process,
2. Successful in receiving a grant award of over \$600,000 to bring fiber technology to the Silverheels Ranch HOA in Fairplay,
3. Looking to expand their business to our area,
4. A subject matter expert in operating fiber-optic networks, which is our desired technology
5. Responsive, helpful and easy to work with thus far.

### South Park Telephone – Overview

Since 1998, South Park Telephone (SPT) has been operating in Park County and is familiar with the challenges associated with operating in this area. For over 20 years, SPT has deployed a variety of network technologies throughout Park County and has demonstrated its ability to provide quality communication services meeting the reliability standards of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and Federal Communications Commission.

Currently, SPT owns and operates a flavor of communications networks throughout Park County:

- Fiber-to-the Premise (FTTP),
- Point-to-Point Licensed Microwave,
- Point to Multi-Point (fixed wireless), and
- DSL

SPT is well versed on the tasks and cost associated in managing such networks. Currently, SPT delivers communication services to approximately 800 square miles of the Park County community and has demonstrated the ability to install, operate and maintain networks to support its service offerings. The Company is well versed on the tasks (planning, design, deployment, installation) and cost associated in deploying communication networks.

***In 2019, South Park Telephone was awarded a Colorado Broadband Grant to provide fiber to the premise technology to the Silverheels Ranch Owners Association in Fairplay and recently submitted a grant application to provide fiber technology to the Burland Homeowners Association in Bailey.***

Please visit South Park Telephone [www.southparktelephone.com](http://www.southparktelephone.com) for more information:

## **David Shipley – Bio**

David Shipley is the Senior Vice President & Chief Operations Officer for USConnect Holdings and Vice President and General Manager of the Rye Telephone Company and South Park Telephone Company in Colorado. David manages operations in Colorado, Kansas, Georgia, Nebraska, and Texas, he has over 35 years of experience in the telecommunications industry during which he has held various operational and administrative positions.

David was instrumental in deploying the first fiber-to-the premise (FTTP) network in Colorado (fourth in the nation), and offer triple play (voice, video and data) services over the fiber network. In addition, he spearheaded the implementation of a fixed wireless network that enabled the South Park Telephone Company to offer voice and data services to a sparsely populated area of Park County.

David is an active participant, contributor and advisor to the Park County Broadband Planning Committee, which led to a public-private partnership to bring broadband to the Guffey Community Charter School, Town of Guffey, and provide fiber optic connectivity to the Park County Anchor Institutions.

Currently, David serves on the board of directors of the Colorado Broadband Deployment Board, Colorado Telecommunications Association (CTA), Western Telecommunications Alliance - Advocates for Rural Broadband (WTA).

David and his Wife, Stephanie, reside in Colorado City (south of Pueblo), understand the challenges with living in a rural setting and the importance of a robust broadband connection to remain connected to the world!