

Interconnectivity and Telecommunications KIN Meeting

July 29, 2014 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Room 228, Commerce Building, 301 South Park

(old Federal Building at south end of Last Chance Gulch)

Agenda

10:00AM Welcome and Introductions

Rob Ferris and Bill Squires

10:15-10:30AM Overview of the Governor's Main Street Montana Program

Jim Molloy, Governor's Office, and Mae Nan Ellingson, Main Street Montana Coordinator

10:30-10:45AM Today's Goals and Objectives

Jim Molloy and Mae Nan Ellingson, Main Street Montana Coordinator

10:45-11:15AM Setting the Context – Our KIN Objective

Pillar III: Build Upon Montana's Economic Foundation

Goal: Ensure Montana Businesses and Communities have Efficient and Reliable Infrastructure

Objective: Enhance Broadband and Telecommunications Access Across Montana

- “Study telecommunications across the state and provide recommendations to increase access to broadband, especially in rural areas.”
- “Help establish initiatives in pilot communities and adopt best practices to encourage broadband infrastructure development.”

Considerations:

- Perception and reality

- Is the Wyoming Project a laudable goal?

11:15-12:00AM KIN Member Discussion

- Access to Broadband – The Users’ Perspectives

11:45AM- Deliver Lunch

12:00-12:45AM KIN Member Discussion (cont.)

- Access to Broadband - The Service Providers’ Hurdles

12:45-1:45PM Where Does the MSMP Plan Fit In?

- What goals, objectives and tasks under the Five Pillars are important to the telecommunications industry and consumers

1:45-2:00PM Break

2:00-2:30PM KIN Member Roundtable Discussion

- Develop consensus as to what 3-5 things the State or the industry should do (within the next 12, 18 ,24 months)to improve the industry.

2:30-3:00PM Where Do We Go From Here?

3:00PM Adjourn and Thank You!