

“Internet for All Benzie County” (IFA-BC)– Reported **July 2023 Invoice status report**: Once construction starts the status reports will start to include township and road level construction activities.

ROBIN application: Governor announced IFA-BC was 1 of 24 projects awarded pending a 45-day comment period. Suggested talking point: 1) Represents an historic investment of \$10.5M involving Federal, State, and County government, with CCC, 2) This investment will pass over 4,700 households and is anticipated to connect 2,400 unserved and underserved households focused on addressing the needs of the households below ALICE threshold, 3) Service connections will begin in late 2023 and continue through the end of 2026, 4) An estimated 214 miles of mainline fiber to be installed, 5) Positions the county for additional federal and state BEADS funding to transition all households to fiber.

Focus change: With the announcement of ROBIN CCC has modified our focus from passing 1,875 households to the goals established by ROBIN.

WEB / messaging update: Postcards will be sent to over 500 households in Benzie County. The message is *“Your home is located along our cutting-edge fiber build path, unlocking the opportunity to enjoy unparalleled internet service at an exceptional value. Take the next step towards the ultimate online experience by reaching out to us today. Looking forward to connecting with you!”* (Reference attached example of post card)

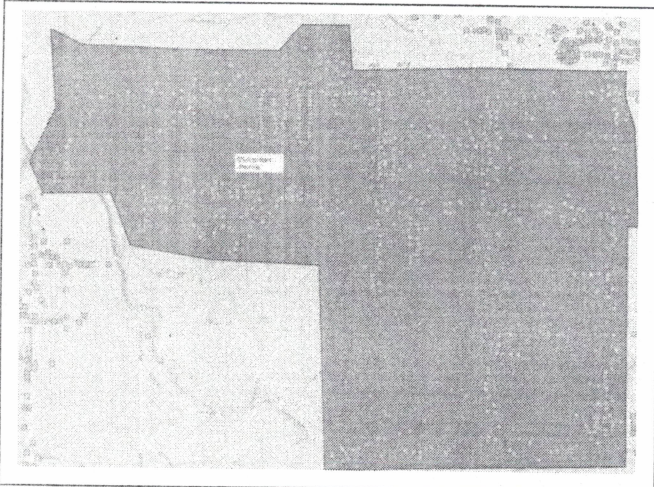
Speed Verification requirements: The FCC has announced speed testing verification will start 1-1-2025 with a 12-month testing window and will move into production 1-1-2026. Our assumption is MIHI ROBIN and BEADS will adopt this process for testing ROBIN and BEADS. Installation of hardware and software to comply continues.

Human Resources/Contractors: CCC have secured “contractors” for mainline plowing. We continue to work with agencies to attract heavy equipment operators, drop crew members, general laborers, inside wire installers.

Other actionable items

1. Inventory additional shipments will begin July 2023.
 - a. Approaching Inland Township to use 30-acre township property as an inventory yard.
2. Negotiations with an additional national middle mile provider continue.
3. Permitting process still on track.
 - a. Bi-Lateral agreements pending (Inland and Benzonia Townships)
 - b. August bi-lateral Crystal Lake, Joy field, and Frankfort.

BCRC permit focus following areas:



Data Management next steps: Loading addresses to pass into database to enable online verification and validation.

Meetings: 2 EDC, 1 BOC, Inland, Benzonia Townships

Reached out: Eclipse Communications, Peninsula Fiber, and 186 Networks.

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